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THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

History and Early Association of the Karpis-Barker Gang Prior to the Abduction of Mr. Bremer.

The citizens of the southwestern part of the United States had, for a number of years, known and feared many notorious criminals who lived by means outside of the law, outlaws who plundered throughout the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Another outlaw band had its origin in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri and Arkansas and the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma, which was later to be publicized as the notorious Karpis-Barker Gang, which except for its mobility and modern equipment of machine guns and fast automobiles was made up of typical southwestern bandits. The nucleus of this ruthless band of criminals was the Barkers.

The mother of the Barker brothers, Herman, Lloyd, Fred and Arthur, was Arizona Barker, commonly known as Kate Barker and many of her friends called her Arrie Barker, but to her sons and their associates she was affectionately known as "Ma" or "Mother." Kate Barker was born in the vicinity of Ash Grove, Missouri, known as the Ozark country, of Scotch-Irish parents, but it is also said that she had some Indian blood in her veins. She was of an ordinary family and during her early life it appears that she was reared in the vicinity of the place of her birth. On September 14, 1892, as Arrie Clark, Kate was married to George E. Barker, at Ash Grove, Missouri and their early married life was spent at Aurora, Missouri, where their sons were born. About 1903 or 1904 the family moved from Aurora to Webb City, Missouri, where Herman and Lloyd, the elder sons, attented grade schools, and by the time Herman Barker had completed his grade school education, the family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Kate Barker's sons as early as 1915 encountered difficulty in being law-abiding citizens, as evidenced by the arrest of Herman Barker on March 5, 1915 at Joplin, Missouri on a charge of highway robbery. Fred and Arthur associated with other boys in the vicinity of Old Lincoln Forsythe School, Tulsa, Oklahoma and entered in games and played with the boys around the section known as Central Park. Many of the boys who associated with the sons of Kate Barker later became associates of these boys in their later lives and entered in criminal activities with them. Harry Campbell, and Volney Davis matured and grew up with the sons of Kate Barker and in later years they collectively engaged in lives of crime. Harry Campbell and Volney Davis became prominent members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Ma Barker in the formative period of her sons' lives was probably just an average mother of a family which had no aspirations or evidenced no desire to maintain any high plane socially. They were poor and existed through no prolific support from Ma's husband, George Barker, who was more or less a shiftless individual, but who later profited from the criminal earnings of his wife and sons, but he did not put himself into such a position that he could be later termed a member of the gang. During the time his wife and sons, with other members of their gang, were roving the country perpetrating bank robberies and kidnapings, George Barker was content to remain in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri and operate a small filling station until such time as he was to share in the estate of his deceased wife and his deceased son, Fred Barker.

The early religious training of the Barkers, as is the case in families of this particular section, was influenced by evangelistic and sporadic revivals. The parents of the Barkers and the other boys with whom they were associated did not reflect any special interest in educational training and as a result their sons were more or less illiterate. years prior to Kate Barker's separation from George Barker, which occurred approximately in the year 1928, and which was subsequent to the time that Herman, Lloyd, and Arthur received prison sentences, it is possible that Kate became loose in her moral life. She was seen with a neighbor of hers who was having outside dates with other men and was known to have been generally in the company of other men in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma. This led to Kate's separation from her husband. She lived with her sons at such periods when they were released from their penitentiary sentences and cast her lot with their lawlessness and criminal activities. Inasmuch as she was more intelligent than any of her sons, she ruled them with an iron will and found this expression of dominance easily exerted because of the submission of her sons Fred and Arthur.

Ma Barker liked to live well. She purchased expensive clothing, furniture and other necessities from the spoils of her sons' depredations. Na Barker was very jealous of her boys and did not wish to have them associate with girl friends. She would disclose the conversations had with various women members of the gang to her sons, particularly stressing the women's statements with reference to them. This procedure on her part caused frequent evidence of dissension among the other women of the gang who, in most instances, made every effort to avoid the presence of Ma Barker.

Although Kate Barker gave most of her attention to her boys, she had a paramour, one Arthur V. Dunlop, alias George Anderson, believed to have met his fate as a result of his association with Kate Barker. Dunlop late in the year 1931 rented a cottage one and one-half miles from Thayer, Missouri, where

he lived with Ma Barker and Ma Barker at this time was joined by her son, Fred, who had been released from the Kansas State Penitentiary on March 30, 1931.

During the time that Fred Barker was in the penitentiary, where he had served a sentence for burglary, he became acquainted with Alvin Karpis, alias "Old Creepy", the alien. Alvin Karpis, like the Barker brothers, was from a poor and uneducated family. The parents of Alvin Karpis are Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, who migrated to the United States from Lithuania. Upon first arriving in America, Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz lived in New York City and thence moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan and then to Montreal, Canada, where they remained for two years. It was at Montreal, Canada that Alvin Karpis was born on August 10, 1907. He was christened Francis Albin Karpis was born on August 10, 1907. He was christened Francis Albin Karpaviecz. When Alvin Karpis was two years of age, his family moved to Topeka, Kansas, where the family remained until 1923, after which they moved to Chicago, Illinois. Karpis shortly thereafter had an examination by a physician which disclosed that he had leakage of the heart and he was advised to take an extended vacation. Alvin then went to live with his sister, Mrs. Bert Grooms, at 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas. It was at Topeka, Kansas that Alvin Karpis began an active criminal career, which was to lead him eventually to Ma Barker at Thayer, Missouri.

Karpis in 1926 became involved in a burglary and was sentenced to serve ten years in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, where he was received on February 25, 1926. At the Reformatory Karpis was assigned as a baker's helper. This required long hours of work from early morning, seven days a week, which was not in accordance with the desires of Karpis and as a result he violated many rules of the Institution and served many days in solitary confinement. His mind was not idle while he was in solitary confinement and he planned ways of escape upon being released from "solitary". He plotted with another immate, Charles Carroll, to escape and these two individuals were successful in escaping from the Institution on March 9, 1929. Karpis immediately rejoined his parents in Chicago, Illinois. The parents, while appearing to be law-abiding citizens, refrained from notifying the Kansas State authorities of the location of Alvin Karpis. They justified their position in this matter by the fact that it appeared Alvin Karpis was endeavoring to lead a law-abiding life and found employment with various bakers in Chicago, Illinois and also secured employment with a concern which sold medical equipment.

While an escape and while living with his parents, Karpis was joined by Larry De Vol and Karpis turned away from his lawful pursuits and drifted to Kansas City, Missouri with De Vol, where they were arrested on March 23, 1930 on the charge of auto larceny and safe blowing. Karpis at this time had begun the use of aliases and at the time of his arrest gave his name as Raymond

Hadley. Karpis was not prosecuted on the charge of stealing the automobile, but on March 25, 1930 he was returned to the Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas as an escapee. Due to the record which he had made for himself at the Reformatory, he was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas on May 19, 1930.

While in the Kansas State Penitentiary, the friendship between Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker was formed. Karpis was assigned to work in the coal mines at the Kansas State Penitentiary and while engaged in this occupation Karpis arranged with other prisoners to buy their "pay coal", in order to hasten his release from the penitentiary. The prisoners were required to dig a certain quantity of coal each day and for each ton mined over the required assignment, the prisoner was given mood time and by his own efforts and the efforts of those whose "pay coal" Karpis purchased, Karpis was released from the penitentiary on May 31, 1931. After his release, Karpis proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma and there joined, by prearrangement, Fred Barker. The following month, on June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested by the Police Department at Tulsa as George Haller on investigation for burglary. Fred Barker was also arrested on this charge, which grew out of the theft of some jewelry. On September 10, 1931 Karpis, after entering a plea of guilty, was sentenced to serve four years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on a charge of burglary, but as a restitution had been made the court paroled him. Fred Barker likewise scaped serving a penitentiary sentence for this offense and he, with Karpis, proceeded to Thayer, hissouri.

On December 18, 1931 Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker robbed a store in West Plains, Missouri, using a 1931 model De Soto automobile in the perpetration of this robbery. On December 19, 1931 Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker drove into the Davidson Motor Company garage in West Plains, Missouri in the De Soto car which was recognized as being identical with the car used in the store robbery the day previous. Sheriff C. R. Kelly proceeded to the garage to conduct an investigation concerning the car and as he walked towards it to question the occupants thereof concerning the robbery, he was fired upon by them and subsequently died as a result of the wounds sustained. After the murder the police raided Dunlop's cottage at Thayer, Missouri on a report that suspicious persons were living there. They found in the cottage at Thayer, Missouri all the merchandise which had been stolen from the store at West Plains, Missouri, with the exception of some fifty tires. The raiders after the murder found the cottage at Thayer, Missouri had been abandoned hurriedly. Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were positively identified as being the slayers of the popular sheriff. Dunlop, Kate Barker, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had fled from the cottage to the home of Herbert Farmer near Joplin, Missouri and upon Farmer's advice and instructions they proceeded to St. Paul minnesota. Herbert Farmer had been a close friend of the Barker family for many years and he was particularly friendly with Fred Barker, who spent much

of his early life in association with Herbert Farmer, who had an extensive criminal record and it is safe to assume that Fred Barker received considerable education in the school of crime from Farmer.

The murder of Sheriff Kelly caused the flight of another criminal from the vicinity of Thayer, Missouri to St. Paul. This individual, who was later to be prominently identified with the Karpis-Barker gang was Phoenix Donald, commonly known as William Weaver, who had been paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on June 20, 1931, where he had previously been sentenced to serve a term of life imprisonment on the charge of murder. Weaver felt that his flight to St. Paul was necessary, in order to avoid becoming involved in further difficulties, in view of the fact that the automobile which had been used by Fred Barker and Alvin Marpis at the time of the murder of Sheriff Kelly had been abandoned by Marpis and Fred Barker near the home occupied by William Weaver at Thayer, Missouri.

William Weaver, in addition to his other aliases, was also known as "Lapland Willie" to his associates, due to Weaver having been reared in that part of Arkansas adjacent to Missouri known as "Lapland". He began his criminal career in July, 1918, when he was arrested for vagrancy by the P-ice Department at Joplin, Missouri. He also was arrested on May 26, 1922 t. Special Agents of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on a charge of auto theft, but was not prosecuted on this charge. Weaver was next involved with the law at Garden City, Kansas in July of that same year when he was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Garden City, Kansas for attempting to assist in a jail delivery, but likewise was not prosecuted on this charge. Weaver, as Phoenix Donald, on April 7, 1925 was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to serve a life term for murder, which crime Weaver committed while attempting to escape after committing a bank robbery in the State of Oklahoma. In this attempted escape, he killed a member of the posse which was pursuing him and it was from this sentence he was paroled in 1931.

While in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, William Weaver became acquainted with Ma Barker's son, Arthur, commonly known as "Doc", who had been received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on February 10, 1922 for the murder of James J. Sherrill, a night watchman at Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 26, 1921. Weaver at the penitentiary also becmae acquainted with Volney Davis, who had been convicted with "Doc" Barker for the murder of the night watchman during a commission of a burglary. Volney Davis was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to serve a life term for this murder on February 3, 1923, but succeeded in escaping from that Institution on January 8, 1925, but thirteen days later he was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri and returned to the Penitentiary.

When Kate Barker, A. W. Dunlop, commonly known as "Old Man" Dunlop, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis sought refuge in St. Paul, Minnesota they rented a house at 1031 South Roberts Street, West St. Paul, Minnesota. The fugitives who were then being sought by the various state law enforcement authorities, did not lead normal lives at the Roberts Street address and this aroused the suspicions of the woman from whom the house was rented. The landlady observed that the occupants when leaving the house and returning to it, carried a violin case. The woman's son noticed the photographs of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis in a detective magazine, which indicated that they were wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri. On April 25, 1932 at about 1:00 A.M., the suspicious activities of the occupants of this house were related to officers of the St. Paul Police Department, who delayed going to the house in question in order to apprehend these people. Approximately six hours later, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Kate Barker, and A. 4. Dunlop had packed their belongings and hurriedly departed. The following morning the body of A. W. Dunlop was found on the shores of Lake Freasted, rear Webster, Wisconsin. It was striped of clothing and an examination of the body disclosed that it had been shot three times at short range. Not far from the body there was found a bloodstained woman's glove. It is contended that Dunlop was killed by Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, inasmuch as they believed he had tipped them off to the police.

At St. Paul, Minnesota, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Ma Barker became acquainted with Harry Sawyer, whose correct name is Harry Sandlovich, the "Kingpin and Fixer for the underworld in St. Paul." Harry Sawyer was born in Russia, immigrated to this country and settled in Lincoln, Nebraska, later moving to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he went into partnership with a notorious underworld character, Dan Hogan. This contact for Karpis and Fred Barker was made for them through Herbert Farmer and it was because Herbert Farmer knew Harry Sawyer could afford protection to wanted individuals that he instructed Karpis and Fred Barker to proceed to St. Paul.

Kate Barker and her son, Fred, with Alvin Karpis, found it necessary to temporarily leave St. Paul, Minnesota and find another refuge due to the investigation by law enforcement agencies of the murder of "Old Man" Dunlop. These fugitives proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, where under the disguise of being respectable citizens, they established a residence in an exclusive residential district known as the Country Club Plaza. Alvin Karpis posed as the son of Kate Barker and Ma frequently referred to her "sons" as being in the "insurance business." At Kansas City, Missouri, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis threw in their lot with other "hoodlums." These latter individuals were Francis Keating and Thomas Holden, escaped Federal prisoners from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Harvey Bailey, a nationally

known bank robber and Larry De Vol, a friend of Karpis, with whom he was arrested in Kansas City, Missouri prior to his return to the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. Also with this gang was Bernard Phillips, a policeman who had turned to the profession of bank robbery. The entire mob was residing in close proximity to each other in Kansas City, Missouri and planned new depredations. Kansas City was used as the hide-out. On June 17, 1932 Fred Barker, Keating, Holden, Bailey, De Vol, Karpis and Phillips made a raid on a Fort Scott, Kansas bank, after which they returned to Kansas City, Missouri and split the loot in the apartment occupied by Fred Barker, Ma Barker, and Alvin Karpis, located at 4804 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

On the date of the robbery of the bank at Fort Scott, Kansas, another criminal who was to join the Karpis-Barker gang was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. While in the penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis became acquainted with Jess Doyle, who had been received at that Institution on March 19, 1927 to serve a five to ten year sentence for second degree burglary and grand larceny. Doyle had served a previous sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for the larceny of an automobile. He had been received at that Institution on April 21, 1921 and was released at the expiration of his term on July 28, 1926 and less than a year later, Doyle found himself in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Prior to the release of Fred Barker, he made arrangements with Jess Doyle to meet the latter in Kansas City, Missouri at the expiration of Doyle's term, which was on June 17, 1932. In accordance with this arrangement, Jess Doyle immediately proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri after his release and met Fred Darker in front of the Majestic Hotel. Fred Barker was well supplied with money at this time and from the spoils of the Fort Scott bank Fred gave Doyle four or five hundred dollars for clothes and other expenses. At Barker's apartment that night a celebration was held to celebrate the successful robbery of the bank and the release of Jess Doyle from the penitentiary. Those who attended this party in Fred Barker's apartment were Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Harvey Bailey, Larry De Vol, Alvin Karpis and Bernard Phillips.

Kate Barker, with her son Fred and Karpis lived at the Longfellow Apartments in Kansas City, Missouri from May 12, 1932 until July 5, 1932, on which latter date they moved from this apartment as a safety measure, and began living at an apartment at 414 West 46th Terrace in Kansas City, Missouri under the name of Mrs. A. F. Hunter and "sons". Ma Barker was the housekeeper for Fred and Karpis and for a few days they enjoyed the homelike atmosphere which Ma Barker endeavored to create. Larry De Vol was also living in the same apartment building in which Ma Barker lived. This tranquillity, however, was disturbed on July 7, 1932 by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who had been for some time endeavoring to cause the apprehension of Francis Keating and Thomas Holden to return them to Leaven-

and through Harry Sawyer, Earl Christman and Helen Ferguson became acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and other members of the gang who at that time were frequenting St. Paul, Minnesota. The associates of the gang at this time included Frank Nash, also an escapee from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and Nash, like Fred Barker, was an intimate friend of Herbert Farmer of Joplin, Missouri. On July 26, 1932 Karpis and Fred Barker, with their augmented gang, left their hide-out at White Bear Lake, Minnesota and staged a daring daylight robbery of the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, securing approximately \$240,000 in bonds and an indefinite amount of cash and after a successful escape returned to their hide-out at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

At this period of time, Arthur "Doc" Barker was confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and negotiations were under way looking towards the release of "Doc" Barker from the Penitentiary. The Karpis-Barker gang was now becoming well organized and through the efforts of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, a private detective at Leavenworth, Kansas by the name of Jack Glynn was seccessful in securing the release of "Doc" Barker from the Penitentiary on September 10, 1932. Immediately after the release of "Doc" Barker from the Penitentiary, he went to visit his father at Neosho, Missouri, as the condition of his parole was that he should leave the State of Oklahoma and never return. After a short visit with his father, "Doc" Barker joined his mother and brother Fred in St. Paul, Minnesota. Ma Barker now had two sons to provide her with a life of luxury. Her eldest son, Herman Barker, after an extensive criminal career beginning on March 5, 1915 by an arrest by the Police Department of Joplin, Missouri for a highway robbery and followed by several other arrests on various charges, was cornered by police officers at Wichita, Kansas on August 29, 1927 after he had killed a police officer. Herman Barker committed suicide rather than submit to arrest. Lloyd Barker was also prevented from becoming a member of the gang due to his incarceration in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he had been received on January 16, 1932 to serve a twenty-five year sentence for robbing the United States Mail. Efforts on the part of Fred Barker and other members of the gang to secure the release of Lloyd Barker on parole were not successful.

Efforts, however, to secure the release of Volney Davis from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary were successful and on November 3, 1932, less than two months after the release of his fellow murderer, "Doc" Barker, Davis was granted a leave of absence from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, which leave of absence was to permit Volney Davis to roam the country at will until July 1, 1934, when he was to again report to the Penitentiary officials, which he failed to do. The reunion between Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker took place at Leavenworth, Kansas, after which they immediately proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota. Shortly thereafter, Volney Davis took a vacation and with Kate Barker made a trip to California where they visited the latter's sister. From

November 1932 to December 1932, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis and Jess Doyle were residing at the Twin Oaks Apartment in St. Paul, Minnesota. Larry De Vol also was in St. Paul, Minnesota at this time and was residing in an apartment on Grand Avenue. The citizens of the Minnesota Twin Cities and vicinity until this time had been unmolested so far as known from the depredations of the Karpis-Barker mob, but the gang planned new crimes and the immunity which had been enjoyed by the citizens in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota was to soon cease, for on December 16, 1932 Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Larry De Vol, Alvin Karpis, William Weaver, Verne Miller and Jess Doyle robbed the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis at Minneapolis, Minnesota and during the perpetration of the robbery, two police officers and a civilian were murdered by machine gun bullets fired by members of this gang. The civilian was murdered because the robbers believed he was endeavoring to secure the license number of the gang's getaway car. Five days later, Larry De Vol was arrested in an apartment house and there was found some sixteen to seventeen thousand dollars in his possession which was identified as part of the loot of the Third Northwester Bank robbery. He pleaded guilty to a charge of murder and was sentenced to serve life imprisonment in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. Immediately after the arrest of Larry De Vol, the news was carried to the other members of the gang by Harry Hull and a rapid exit was made from the Twin Cities by Fred Barker, "Dox" Barker, Alvin Karpis, Jess Doyle, William Weaver and Harry Hull, their destination being Reno, Nevada. At Reno they joined Earl Christman and Helen Ferguson, Kate Barker and Volney Davis who had returned from their vacation in California and were in Reno, Nevada at the time other members of the gang arrived there.

Prior to the conviction of Volney Davis for murder in the State of Oklahoma he had known and associated with Edna Murray. In tracing the history of Edna Murray, it was learned that she was born in Marion, Kansas on May 26, 1898, the daughter of N. D. and Luella Stanley. When Edna was still a small child, she moved with her father to Cardin, Oklahoma. Edna had one sister, Doris, later to become known as Doris O'Connor and three brothers, Matt, Floyd and Harry. The family's income was derived from the rent of miners' shanties which were owned by Edna's father near Cardin, Oklahoma. Edna Murray at the age of twenty-three was working as a waitress and cashier at the Imperial Cafe in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and it was here that she first became the sweetheart of Volney Davis. After Davis was sentenced to life imprisonment, Edna Murray left her employment in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and sought another means of livelihood in Kansas City, Missouri. Here she met Fred Sullivan, alias "Diamond Joe", a jewel thief, and it is said that Edna Murray married this man. Edna had twice before been married. Her first husband's name was Patton and by this marriage she had one son, Preston. Her second husband was Walter Price. Edna after meeting Sullivan continued to live with him until in the year 1924 when Sullivan was convicted of murder

and subsequently electrocuted at Little Rock, Arkansas. Jack Murray, a Kansas City, Missouri bootlegger, was Edna Murray's next man and with Murray, Edna engaged in the illicit traffic of liquor, assisting Murray in transporting the same from New Orleans, Louisiana to Kansas City, Missouri. These activities on the part of Edna Murray continued until the night of Agril 6, 1925, when she and Jack Murray were arrested and charged with the holdup of one H. H. Southward at Kansas City, Missouri and for this crime Edna and Jack Murray were convicted at Kansas City, Missouri on October 1, 1925 and each sentenced to serve a twenty-five year sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary. From the alleged activities of Edna Murray during this holdup, the press give her the sobriquet of the "Flapper Bandit" or the "Kissing Bandit".

Edna Murray was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary on December 3, 1925 and soon acquired another nickname - "Rabbits", due to her agility in escaping from that Institution on May 2, 1927. After this escape, Edna remained at liberty until she was arrested in Chicago, Illinois and returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary on September 10, 1931. Upon her return, Edna immediately began to plot another escape and on November 4, 1931 she again succeeded in escaping, but on this occasion her freedom was short-lived, as she was located and taken into custody the 'ollowing day. Edna upon being returned to the Penitentiary at this time was placed in an individual cell, but she succeeded in conspiring with another inmate, Irene McCann, to escape the third time. Edna Murray and Irene McCann succeeded in sawing the bars of their cells and escaped on December 13, 1932. She immediately proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri and in some manner, Volney Davis, who was then in Reno, Nevada with other members of the gang, learned of the escape of Edna and proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, where he met the woman who was to continue to live with him as his paramour and share in the loct of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang. Edna and Volney then joined the others in Reno, Nevada.

While in Reno, Nevada, dessension arose between Harry Hull and other members of the gang, as Hull had not believed in the time honored axiom "honor among thieves" and had stolen \$250.00 and some clothes from Jess Doyle. Doyle anticipated that Hull would go to Kansas City, Missouri and he, with "Doc" Earker, set out by plane for that city in an effort to locate Hull and kill him. Their efforts in this regard, however, were unsuccessful.

Early in February, 1933 found the members of the gang back in St. Paul, Minnesota, where they remained until March 4, 1933, when some member of the gang received information that the police were going to raid an apartment in which some members of the mob resided. The next refuge for this band of criminals was Chicago, Illinois and its suburbs. During March, 1933 they found refuge in various apartments in Oak Park, Illinois and found their entertainment at a roadhouse operated by Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, which place had long been a rendezvous for such notorious criminals

as Francis Keating, Thomas Holden and Frank Mash. They also found entertainment and refuge at the O. P. Inn, haywood, Illinois, operated by Louis ' "Doc" Stacci, who had long been a known associate of criminals. At Chicago, Illinois the robbery of a bank at Fairbury, Mebraska was planned and on April 4, 1933 the Fairbury National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska, was held up by Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Frank Nash, "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis, Earl Christman, Jess Doyle and Edward Green, commonly known as Eddie Green, an exconvict who had joined members of the Karpis-Barker gang in St. Paul, Minnesota. Green was an accomplished bank robber and due to the close friendship between Harry Sawyer and Eddie Green, Green made numerous acquaintances with "hoodlums" who were making St. Paul their haven, including the Karpis-Barker gang. He became the close confident of Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and "Doc" Barker. During the robbery in Fairbury, Nebraska, Earl Christman was severly wounded. He was immediately rushed to the home of Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The home of Miller was at that time considered a safe refuge for gangsters of the middle west. It was later destined to be highly publicized as a rendezvous for Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, who gathered in Miller's home on the night of June 16, 1933 to formulate their plans for the unlawful delivery of Frank Mash, who was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at Hot Springs, Arkansas on June 16, 1933. An attempt was made by Miller, Floyd and Richetti to free Frank Nash as Special Agents and police officers emerged from the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. The attempt was bungled and instead of freeing Nash, he was the first to die in the blast of machine gun fire aimed at the officers by Miller and his associates. Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, Chief of Police Otto Reed, of McAlester, Oklahoma, and William J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, Detectives of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, died as a result of this attempted delivery. Herbert Farmer and Louis "Doc" Stacci, harborers and confidents of the Karpis-Barker Gang, were subsequently convicted in Federal Court at Kansas City, Nissouri for conspiracy to deliver Frank Nash from the officers and each was sentenced to serve two years in a Federal Penitentiary and pay a fine of \$10,000. At the time Christman was being held in Verne Miller's home in Kansas City, Missouri, the associates of Christman frantically sought the assistance of an underworld physician who was called upon to administer to the wounded Earl Christman. Christman, however, did not respond to this treatment and within a few days died and was buried in an unidentified grave.

The day following the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank, Fred Barker expressed his desire for a woman companion. He thought of a woman by the name of Paula Harmon, whom he had previously met at the home of his friend, Herbert Farmer, Joplin, Missouri. In accordance with Fred Barker's wishes, Vivian Mathis

the paramour of Verne Miller, telephone Paula Harmon and asked her to visit Kansas City. Paula accepted this invitation and thereafter met Fred Barker at Vivian Mathis' home. Paula Harmon was the widow of a notorious bank robber, Charles Harmon, who was killed while participating in the robbery of the Kraft State Tank at Lenomonie, Wisconsin on November 19, 1931. She was a native of Georgia, having been born at Demorest, Georgia on February 11, 1904, the daughter of Annie and Bird Branon. When Paula was two or three years of age, her family moved to Port Arthur, Texas, where Paula later attended grade schools and it is said she attended an exclusive girls' finishing school in the South. She was first married to a man by the name of Dennis Wood at Port Arthur, Texas in the year 1921. Wood was employed as a mate on a ship and Paula's marriage to him was dissolved in the year 1922. She then secured employment as a comtometer operator in Houston, Texas and continued at this occupation until the year 1925, when she married Charles Harmon, who had just been released from the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas after serving a term for bank robbery. She soon met the associates of her husband, Frank Nash, Verne Miller and Herbert Farmer and it was a short time after the release of Fred Barker from the penitentiary that she first met him at Farmer's home. During the married life of Paula and Charles Harmon they quarreled frequently and during one of these quarrels, Paula separated from her husband, and operated a house of ill fame in Chicago, Illinois, for a short period of time.

Paula Harmon and Fred Barker on May 29, 1933 established a home at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota under the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith. Other members of the gang established themselves in a cottage at Bald Eagle Lake, Minnesota in June of 1933.

On June 15, 1933, Mr. William A. Hamm, Jr., of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped by "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Bryan Bolton and Fred Goetz and transported to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until his family had enriched the coffers of these notorious mobsters by \$100,000, which was paid as ransom for the release of Mr. Hamm. Fred Goetz, had for a number of years known Jack Peifer and it was Peifer who originally conceived the plan to kidnap Mr. Hamm. Before aligning himself with criminals, he was a student at the Engineering School of the University of Illinois and participated as a player on the football team at that Institution. Upon leaving the University of Illinois, he worked as a life guard at the Clarendon Bathing Beach in Chicago, Illinois and while so employed he was arrested on June 5, 1925 by the Chicago Police Department on a charge of attempted rape of a seven year old girl. He was placed under a #5,000 bond which his mother furnished, but subsequently he forfeited this bond and was never a prehended to answer the charge. He thereafter became an associate of the so-called Al Capone Syndicate in Chicago and was linked with such notorious characters as Fred "Killer" Burke, Ted Newberry, Gus Minkeler and Jack Klutas. Bryan Bolton was the "stooge" of Goetz. Fred Goetz was also known as J. George Zeigler and "Shotgun Zeigler."

It appears that it was through the existing friendship between Peifer and members of the Karpis-Barker gang that Goetz became one of their associates. As the result of the relationship between Bryan Bolton and Goetz, he was invited to participate in the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm.

Charles J. Fitzgerald, an ex-convict with an extensive criminal record, had for a long period of time found refuge in St. Paul and Prinneapolis, Minnesota, being an intimate friend of Harry Sawyer and Jack Peifer. Like Goetz and Bolton, Fitzgerald also had friends among the underworld of Chicago, Illinois.

Subsequent to the release of Mr. Hamm on June 19, 1933, the gang which had now become a syndicate of crime fled from St. Faul, hinnesota to Chicago. Ma Barker during the time that her sons Fred and "Doc" and their associates were engaged in the abduction of hr. Hamm, was residing at 114 Home Avenue, Cak Park, Illinois, where she was in association with Helen Ferguson, the former paramour of Earl Christman, Volney Davis and Edna Murray, as Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Davis, were living in an apartment at 219 North Second Avenue, Naywood, Illinois. The entire gang rented and established themselves in other apartments in Chicago, Illinois. However, their criminal proclivities did not remain dormant, for on August 30, 1933 six bandits staged the robbery of a pay-roll which was being delivered to the Stockyards National Bank at South St. Paul, Minnesota, in which 330,000 was obtained. During the course of the robbery, two police officers were shot by machine guns fired by the robbers, one of the officers being murdered and the other as a result of the wounds sustained is expected to be an invalid for the rest of his life. At the time of the robbery, one of the officers who was shot was equipped with a Thompson submachine gun, which was taken by one of the bandits after the officer had been wounded. More than a year later, a hide-out of the Karpis-Barker gang was raided at Cleveland, Ohio and there was found a "getaway" chart, which investigation disclosed began at zero at the Stockyards National Bank, South St. Paul, Minnesota and it is believed that this was a chart used by members of the Karpis-Barker gang in effecting their escape subsequent to the pay roll robbery.

The mob moved swiftly to Chicago, Illinois and in less than a month the newspapers announced the nurder of a policeman in Chicago, Illinois, which murder occurred on September 22, 1933 as police officer Miles A. Cunningham endeavored to investigate an automobile accident near the intersection of Jackson Boulevard and Halsted Street in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Cunningham did not have the information that a few moments before two bank

messengers were held up by five men at Jackson Boulevard and Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, seizing two sacks of registered mail which proved to be of no value to the bandits. In tracing the history of the Karpis-Barker gang, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation identified that mob as being responsible for the murder of Officer Cunningham.

It appears that during the year 1933, William J. Harrison became acquainted with members of the Karpis-Barker gang through Fred Goetz. Harrison originally was from St. Louis, Missouri, where he was born on September 27, 1900. He spent the major portion of his adolescent years in St. Louis. In about 1926 he went to Calumet City, Illinois, where he operated numerous speak-easies during the Prohibition era. He became acquainted with the Capone Syndicate of Chicago and fraternized with persons of such notoriety as "Killer" Burke, Gus Wirkeler and "Big" Homer Wilson. Harrison was a man of wide experience and as a result of his underworld activities was able to furnish members of the Karpis-Barker group some of their most valued contacts and without whom many of their sinister designs would not have been consummated. Harrison, despite his precarious undertakings, was a man of wit and humor and served as a "court jester" or "court fool" to the amusement of his gangster affiliates.

While various members of the Karpis-Barker gang were on the rampage throughout the middle west perpetrating bank robberies and kidnapings, Harry Campbell, a boyhood associate of the Barker brothers, had been content to confine his criminal activities to the State of Oklahoma, where he was associated with Glen Leroy Wright and Charles Cotner, Oklahoma outlaws of a very desperate character who subsequently were incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Very few intimate details are known of his early life. Harry Campbell was born on New Year's Day in the year 1900 at McClintoeville, Pennsylvania. His family later moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was reared and associated with the Barker boys, Volney Davis and Will Green. Green was later sentenced to serve a long term in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and was one of the leaders of the gang which effected its escape from that Institution in December of 1931. Green later committed suicide rather than be apprehended.

In 1930 Campbell became acquainted with Wynona Burdette, a part Cherokee Indian woman whose family was very poor. Wynona was one of more than a dozen childern in the family, nine of whom are now living. In the spring of 1933 Campbell frequented Casper, Wyoming, where it is alleged he engaged in the robbing of safes, but in a short while Campbell returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma and remained in the company of Wynona Burdette until September, 1933, when he received a communication from Fred Barker to join the gang at the Savoy Hotel, Hammond, Indiana and was promised that there was "big money" to be had

by casting his lot with his old friends. Campbell soon joined Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, and William J. Harrison in Hammond, Indiana and at the request of Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison thereafter made arrangements for Wynona Burdette to join Campbell in the Indiana City and soon thereafter the two Barkers, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they joined other members of the gang who were temporarily located there. This group on or about October 6, 1933 motored to Reno, Nevada, where the gang had good contacts with the political bosses at that place.

On or about December 2, 1933, an automobile caravan left Reno, Nevada. It was the exodus from Reno of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang. mob moved again as they had done so often before, but as has been previously related, it was not to a new field for their criminal activities but to St. Paul Minnesota, where the roving mob had found refuge on many prior occasions. Among those members of the gang who left Reno, Nevada in the month of December 1933 were Alvin Karpis and his moll, Dolores Delaney, sister-in-law of Pat Riley, a Dillinger mobster, Fred Barker and his paramour, "Fat Witted" Paula Harmon, Volney Davis, Edna Murray and "Doc" Barker. Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette were also with Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker on the trek to St. Paul. The members of the Karpis-Barker gang, with the exception of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota in the middle of December, 1933 and proceeded directly to the farm of Harry Sawyer, a bootlegger, ex-car thief and harborer of criminals. Harry Sawyer lived on a farm with his wife, Gladys, who also was an intimate associate of the gang. Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney did not remain in St. Paul, but proceeded on to Chicago, Illinois. Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, upon their arrival in St. Paul, Minnesota, made their residence at the Capitol Hotel under the names of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin. Fred Barker and Paula Harmon rented an apartment at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bergstrom. Volney Davis and Edna Murray as Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Davis, moved into an apartment at the Edgcumb Apartments, Osceola and Lexington Avenues in St. Paul. "Doc" Barker found shelter with William Weaver, who had not enjoyed the rounds of gambling and drinking with the others at Reno. William Weaver, at this time, maintained an apartment at 777 Shelby Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. The moll of William Weaver was Myrtle Eaton, who was a native of Des Moines, Iowa . Myrtle Eaton had been an associate of criminals all her life and she maintained an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota, which apartment was frequented by the various members of the gang. Myrtle Eaton by profession was a shoplifter and her record indicates that she was arrested for this offense by the Police Department at Minneapolis, Minnesota on February 27, 1930 and was fined \$100.00. On December 9, 1930, as Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble, she was arrested by the Police Department at St. Paul, Minnesota on charges of shoplifting, which charges were later dismissed on motion of the County Attorney. On December 29, 1931 she was arrested by the Police Department at Des Moines, Iowa as Mrs. Alice Martin on charges of investigation, but was not prosecuted.

At Chicago, Illinois, Alvin Karpis, who was known to his confederates as "Slim" or "Ray" and Dolorer Delaney took up their residence at the Orlando Hotel and later rented an apartment at 7133 Yates Avenue under the names of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lohman. Fred Goetz, with his woman, Irene Dorsey, the daughter of a saloonkeeper, in the month of December 1933 was living at 1934 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Tubercular Bryan Bolton, alias Monte Carter, had been called from his health restoring activities in Arizona and in December of 1933 made his home with Goetz. Ma Barker was living quietly in an apartment on the exclusive South Short Drive in Chicago, Illinois.

During the latter part of December 1933, Alvin Karpis and Fred Goetz joined the others of the gang who had settled in St. Paul, Minnesota, where conferences were held to lay plans for another kidnaping. These conferences were held in the apartments occupied by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and were attended by Alvin Karpis, William Weaver, Fred Goetz, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Harry Sawyer. One day Sawyer and Goetz visited a bowling alley known as a recreation parlor and as would be stated in the language of the underworld, Sawyer "put the finger on Edward George Bremer."

The gand had originally planned to rob the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, of which Edward George Bremer was the President, but Sawyer in his dictatorial manner insisted that more money could be obtained if "Eddie Bremer was snatched." Definite plans were made for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, but on the night of January 13, 1934 after a conference at the apartment of Myrtle Eaton, Mr. P. N. McCord and two companions who were employed by the Northwest Airways Company were in the vicinity of Portland and St. Alban Streets in St. Paul, dressed in uniforms of the Airways Company, as Fred Barker and another of the gang left the apartment building in which Myrtle Eaton resided. The gangsters entered their car and started to drive a way, but upon seeing Mr. McCord and his friends, they believed that officers were following them and opened fire on the employees of the Airways Company seriously wounding Mr. McCord. After this occurrence, Harry Sawyer insisted that because of the "heat" the shooting had caused in the town, the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer be postponed: The members of the mob acquiesced to Sawyer's desires in this matter.

THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD GEORGE BREMER AND THE DOWNFALL OF THE KARPIS-BARKER GANG.

Edward George Bremer each day during the school year drove his nine year old daughter Hertzy to the Summit School, which was a private institution.

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located on Goodrich Avenue near Lexington Avenue and each morning he would proceed upon Goodrich Avenue after taking his daughter to school, cross Lexington Avenue and on to his duties at the bank. Each morning he brought his car to a stop at the traffic sign located at Lexington and Goodrich Avenues. This stop was made about a half a block distant from the apartment building occupied by Edna Murray and Volney Davis. On January 17, 1934, Mr. Bremer, in keeping with his usual custom, drove his daughter to school and arrived at the stop sign at Lexington and Goodrich Avenues between the hours of 8:30 and 9:00 A. N. When Mr. Bremer made the stop, a man approached the left front door of the Lincoln sedan which Hr. Bremer drove, held a pistol to his side and told him "to move over" and simultaneously with the actions of this gunman, another opened the right front door of the car, struck Mr. Bremer over the head several times with a blunt unstrument and pushed him to the floor of the car with his head under the instrument board. Taped goggles were placed over his eyes. Edward George Bremer, scion of one of the wealthiest and most prominent families in St. Paul and the northwest, was the victim of kidnapers, which kidnaping was effected by five men using two automobiles.

Edward G. Bremer is the son of Adolph Bremer, part owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, and the newphew of Otto Bremer, Chairman of the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota and the Manager of the Home Dwners! Loan Corporation. Edward Bremer is married and has one daughter, Hertzy.

At about 10:40 A. M. on January 17, 1934, Walter Magee, Contractor of St. Paul, Minnesota and a close friend of the Bremer family, received a telephone call at his office, 118 West Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, from a man who gave his name as Charles McKee. The caller informed Mr. Magee that "they" had his friend Bremer and that Mr. Magee was to go outside his office, where he would find a note. Mr. Magee complied with this instruction and immediately went to the side of the building in which his office is located and there under a side door found a ransom note addressed to him as "Chas. Migee", which note read as follows:

"You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Dont try to cross us. Your future and B's are the important issue. Follow these instructions to the letter. Police have never helped in such a spot, and wont this time either. You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to comfortable now so don't delay the payment. We demand \$200,000. Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dollar bills - no new money - no consegutive numers - large variety of issues. Place the money in two large suit box cartons big enough to hold the full amount and tie with heavy cord. No contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready to pay as we direct. You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice). You will

then receive your final instructions. Be prepared to leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff. Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us. Dont try to bargain. Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks. Dont try to communecate with us we'll do the directing. Threats arent necessary — you just do your part — we guarantee to do ours.

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsable for my safety. I am responsable for the full amount of the money.

(Signed) E. G. Bremer
Deal only when signature is used.

Chas. McGee. Personal."

The St. Paul Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. United States Department of Justice, and the St. Paul Police Department were immediately notified and an investigation was begun of the second major kidnaping which had occurred in St. Paul, Minnesota within six months' time. The automobile which Mr. Bremer had been driving at the time he was kidnaped as found on the date the kidnaping occurred parked on Edgcumb Road in St. Paul, Minnesota. The bloodstains on the steering wheel, the gear shift lever, the doorsill, the back of the front seat and on the floor of the car indicated to the investigators that a struggle had occurred. Fear was expressed by the relatives of Mr. Bremer and the officials investigating the kidnaping that possibly Mr. Bremer was dead. At about 6:00 o'clock on the morning of January 20, 1934, Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Hinnesota, was awakened by a crash to which he paid no particular attention at the moment, but later in the morning Dr. Nippert received a telephone call and a voice told him to go to the vestibule of his home and see what he could find. Dr. Nippert immediately went downstairs and found that a bottle had been thrown through the plate glass front door and he also found an envelope addressed to him which apparently had been left under the door. Two other envelopes were in the one addressed to Dr. Nippert. One of the inclosed envelopes was addressed to Walter Magee and the other to Mrs. Edward Bremer. Dr. Nippert promptly delivered the envelopes to Adolph Bremer. In the one addressed to Walter Magee was a note beginning "Chas. McGee" which read as follows:

"You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer dont get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance - the last. First of all all coppers must be pulled off. Second the dough must be ready. Third we must have a new signal. When you are ready to meet our terms place a R.R.A. sticker in the center of each of your office windows. Well know if the coppers are pulled or not. Remain at your office daily from noon until 8.00 p.m. Have the dough ready and where you can get it within thirty minutes. You will be instructed how to deliver it. The money must not be hot as it will be examined before Bremer is released. If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough. Well try to be ready for any trickery if atempted. This is positively our LAST atempt. DONT duck it.

Mr. Chas. McGee

I have named you, as payoff man. You are responsable for my safety. I am responsable for the full amount of the money.

E. G. Bremer"

The above note was signed in ink, "E.G.BRENER".

There was also a note in the handwriting of br. Edward Bremer addressed to Dr. A. T. Fippert, Lowry Building, St. Faul, Minnesota, which read as follows:

"Dear Doctor:

I am enclosing herewith two letters which please <u>dilivir</u> for me at once. <u>Diliver</u> them both to my father at the house -- 855 West 7th St. or at the office, wherever he may be -- it is very important that they be <u>delivered</u> right away as it means a lot to me. Be sure however not to say a word to anyone else that you have been given these letters to <u>diliver</u>. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

## Edward G. Bremer".

There were also two notes written in the handwriting of Mr. Bremer, one being addressed to "Dear Walter" and the other to Mrs. Edward Bremer, in which Mr. Bremer addressed her as "Dearest Patz", which were as follows:

"Dear Walter:

I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old standby. Assure Emily & Pat that I'm allright. I knew you would use your head & work on this all alone - no police. The people that have me have given the imprission that you are not working alone. Walter,

please do. I know you will for me. I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone & I'm sure everything will come out allright. Be sure now - no trings allow here. You & You alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their directions - & again I say - alone - no police - just you.

Edward
E.G.Bremer"

"Dearest Patz.

Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out allright, Tell Hertzy to be a good little girl, her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you or her again is all that I want, I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bleed a lot but it has been dressed & is allright now. Tell Pa too not to worry. I'm treated nice & the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely.

Yours,

Ed."

Nothing further was heard from the kidnapers until the morning of January 22, 1934 when Mr. William P. Behrens arrived at his office, the Behrens-Whitman Coal Company, 972 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was given a note which had been found that morning by Mr. C. A. Stahlmann, when he arrived at Mr. Behrens' office where he was employed as a bookkeeper. Mr. Stahlmann found upon opening the door to the office an envelope with a typewritten address to Walter Magee or Adolph Bremer. Mr. Behrens opened this note and found the following typewritten message:

"Chas Magee

If you can wait 0.K. with us. You people shot a lot of curves trying to get somebody killed then the copper's will be heroes but Eddie will be the marteer. The copper's think that great but Eddie dont. Nere done taking the draws and you can go now. From now on you make the contact. Better not try it till you pull off every copper, newspaper, and radio station. From now on you get the silent treatment until you reach us someway yourself. Better not wait too long."

In an effort to operate unmolested, the kidnapers were demanding that the law enforcement agencies cease investigation. On January 25, 1934 Mr. John Miller, 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, received a telephone call between 6:00 and 7:00 o'clock in the evening and the caller instructed Mr. Miller to go to his home and there he would find a Hill Brothers coffee can on his front porch. Upon his arrival at his home, hr. Miller found that his wife had already discovered the note. This note instructed that \$200,000 must be delivered that night and the note was addressed to Chas. hcGee or Adolph Bremer. It instructed that the tag which was inclosed with the note be taken to the Jefferson Lines Bus Station. This tag was a baggage check. This note carried a warming that the recipients of this note should not stall and were to follow instructions. The note further instructed that the baggage check was for the baggage checking locker in the waiting room of the station and further indicated that a handbag would be found at the bus station in which further instructions would be contained. Mr. Magee was instructed that this handbag should not be opened one minute before 8:20 P.M.

Walter Pagee followed the instructions and proceeded to the bus depot and obtained a black zipper bag which bag contained a pillow and an additional note, which instructed hr. Nagee to assume the name of John B. Brakeeham and to board a bus leaving St. Paul, Ninnesota at 8:40 P.M. for Des Noines, Iowa. The pay-off, however, was not accomplished on this night and it was subsequently learned by the investigators that a ransom note purporting to have been signed in ink by Mr. E. G. Bremer had been left at the New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota by a man who was dressed in overalls and appeared to be a farmer. This individual stated to Arthur Purray, who was at the hotel, that a bus from the Twin Cities would arrive at Faribault about 10:30 P.M. and that he wanted to leave the package with Mr. Burray to give to a passenger on the bus and claimed that the package contained medicine, the man's father having forgotten to take it with him. As no one called for the package, it was held for one month by Mr. Murray before it was opened and when opened it was found to contain a note addressed to "Chas. NcGee" or pay-off man (John B. Brakeeham). The note stated that all previous instructions were canceled.

On February 5, 1934 Miss Lillian L. Dickman, secretary to Mdward G. Bremer, received a note from a man who came to the back door of her home between 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The man who delivered this note asked "Are you Lillian Dickman" and when receiving a reply in the affirmative the man handed her a note and told her to take care of it. This note, which was in the handwriting of the kidnaped victim, was delivered to Adolph Bremer and urged that the ransom negotiations proceed in accordance with the instructions outlined by the kidnapers.

The following day at about 4:30 P.M., Father Deere, a Catholic priest of Prior Lake, Minnesota, was approached by an unknown man at the door of his home who asked Father Deere if he was acquainted with a family by the name of Bremer and when the unknown individual learned that Father Deere knew the Bremer Family, he thrust an envelope into his hand, which envelope contained a note addressed to Father Deere instructing him to deliver additional notes, which were in the envelope, to Adolph Bremer and Edward Bremer's wife. The note which was to be delivered to Adolph Bremer bore the salutation "Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph" and stated that "the coppers jimmed the last payoff." This note gave explicit instructions for the payment of the ransom money and warned that if the money was not paid on this particular night the ransom demand would be increased to \$500,000.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation worked quietly so as not to interfere with the payment of the ransom money if it were the family's desire to do so. Immediately after the first demand for ransom had been made, Special Agents caused the serial numbers of the ransom bills to be recorded, which act proved to be of inestimable value in subsequent investigation.

In compliance with the instructions contained in the ransom note addressed to "Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph", Walter Magee on the evening of February 6, 1934 obtained a Ford sedan and with the \$200,000 in ransom money, which was made up of five and ten dollar bills, drove in a circuitous route to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving at this point at approximately 8:00 P.M., where he found parked in front of that address a 1933 Chevrolet coupe bearing Shell Oil Company signs on each door. Mr. Magee transferred the ransom money from the Ford coupe and entered the Chevrolet car with the ransom money. In the left front door pocket of the Chevrolet coupe Mr. Magee found the keys to the car and an additional note which directed him further as to the delivery of the ransom. This note read as follows:

"Go to Farmington, Minnesota. The Rochester bus will arrive there at 9:15 P.M. and leave at 9:25 P.M. Follow one hundred yards in back of this bus, when it leaves Farmington until you come to four red lights on the left of the road; turn on the first road to the left and proceed at fifteen miles per hour until you see five flashes of lights; then stop and deposit packages of money on right hand side of road. Leave the two notes; get in car and go straight ahead."

In compliance with the instructions contained in this last note, Mr. Magee as intermediary proceeded to Farmington, Minnesota, from there followed the bus to Cannon Falls, to Zumbrota, Minnesota and from this latter place Mr. Magee drove four or five miles until he saw the four red lights on the left side of the road on the bank of a hill. When Mr. Magee came to this

point he located a gravel road nearby leading to the left, down which he proceeded slowly and after traveling about one-half a mile, a car pulled up behind him and he saw the headlights of the car flash five times. Mr. Magee then stopped the Chevrolet coupe, walked around to the rear of the car, opened the door of the right side and took out two suit boxes, placed them on the right hand side of the road and the ransom for the release of Edward George Bremer had been paid.

At about 8:00 P.M. on February 7, 1934, Mr. Edward G. Bremer was released by his abductors at Rochester, Minnesota. When he arrived at that place with his abductors, Mr. Bremer was instructed by them to get out of the car in the middle of the street and to stand with his back towards the direction in which the kidnapers' car was headed. He was then told to count slowly to fifteen, after which the bandage over his eyes could be removed.

After Mr. Bremer had returned safely to his home, Special Agents were free to pursue the investigation of the kidnaping vigorously. Mr. Bremer, although having been injured at the time he was kidnaped and had been blindfolded with taped goggles, was able to hear various sounds en route to the hide-out where he was held. The gang did not keep him blindfolded at all times at the hide-out and he was able to observe things which were later to be of assistance in identifying the place where he was held captive. Mr. Bremer was able to furnish the investigators with information that upon his arrival at the place where he was held he heard two dogs barking and these dogs appeared to be very close to the house and they barked on frequent occasions. Mr. Bremer also heard a group of children playing in close proximity to the house and the noise of the children indicated that they were probably from four to eight years of age. Ifr. Bremer also heard children passing through the yard adjoining the hide-out house. After the first few days of Mr. Bremer's confinement, the goggles which had been placed over his eyes at the time of his abduction were removed and he was permitted to sit in his room without an obstruction over his face and this afforded him an opportunity to observe the furnishings of the bedroom in which he was held. He made a mental picture of the wallpaper and was able to describe it in such detail that similar wallpaper was traced by Special Agents and found to have been sold by a large mail order house. A specimen of this wallpaper was obtained and Mr. Bremer was able to positively identify it as being similar to that which was on the walls in the bedroom.

Although blindfolded, Mr. Bremer was able to furnish certain information concerning the toilet room in which he was taken from time to time. he learned that the lever for flushing the toilet consisted of what appeared to be a metal screw. The enamel which had covered the screw had either been removed or broken. He observed a crack in the wall of the bedroom. Overhead Mr. Bremer heard a small child crying and estimated the age of the child to be about one year and he also heard another child approximately four years of age playing on the floor above him. Mr. Bremer was convinced that there was

a coal stove adjacent to the room in which he was held, as he heard sounds indicating that coal was being shoveled from a bin into a scuttle and the sound indicated that the coal was being kept in a position near the kitchen. Mr. Bremer was further able to describe the sounds of traffic, which traffic apparently was in close proximity to the hide-out house. He could hear the brakes being applied to either busses or trucks, which gave him the impression that he was near a "stop sign" on a main highway. Sounds of trains could also be heard, Mr. Bremer being of the opinion that these trains were probably interurban in character as they passed most frequently in the mornings and in the afternoons. In connection with the food which was served to him, Mr. Bremer advised the Special Agents that he was of the opinion the food was cooked by a man, because it was always too well seasoned; that on one occasion he was served fish and on another occasion he was served fresh strawberry shortcake, which due to the season of the year was considered very unusual.

Mr. Bremer was unable to state definitely the number of hours he was transported after being kidnaped at St. Paul, but after traveling several hours they arrived at the hide-out and his abductors dressed his wounded head, which wound had been inflicted upon him at the time he was kidnaped. Mr. Bremer was of the opinion that he traveled through a city of medium size en route to the hide-out, inasmuch as he heard street cars. Mr. Bremer also was -able to furnish the Special Agents with information concerning his return trip to Rochester, Minnesota. Mr. Bremer stated that upon leaving the hide-out sometime during the morning of February 7, 1934, he was placed in what appeared to be a one seated automobile by his abductors; that after riding a short distance he was transferred to another car and that this second car was a sedan. He was forced to enter the sedan and sit on the floor immediately behind the driver with his back against the front seat and his right side leaning against the left rear door. At this time his hand touched the butt of what appeared to be either a shotgun or a rifle on the floor. He also was able to ascertain that there was a tin can immediately on his left side on which he could comfortably rest his left elbow; that this can appeared to be an ordinary five gallon tin can which contained gasoline, as he could smell the strong odor of that fuel. Mr. Bremer estimated that after approximately one-half of the distance had been covered between the hide-out house and Rochester, Minnesota, the car in which he was riding turned off from the paved road and after ten or fifteen minutes the car pulled to the side of a road and the two men who were in the front seat of the car and the one in the rear seat guarding him got out and took out of the car at least two tin cans containing gasoline. He heard his abductors pour gasoline into the tank of the car in which he was riding, after which the journey was resumed. He recalled that his abductors at the time the tank of the automobile was refueled turned off the paved highway, because he heard gravel striking the windows of the car.

With this information at hand, Special Agents continued their investigation and on February 10, 1934 the Sheriff of Columbia County, Wisconsin

turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation four large gasoline cans and a tin furnel which had been found by a farmer near Portage, Wisconsin. Due to the information furnished by Mr. Bremer concerning the refueling of the automobile used in the return trip from the hide-out house, these gasoline cans were immediately forwarded by Special Agents to the Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C. The Laboratory examination of the gasoline cans revealed a latent fingerprint, which fingerprint was identified as being identical with the right index fingerprint of Arthur "Doc" Barker.

On February 8, 1934 Special Agents retraced the route taken by Walter Magee at the time he paid the ransom money and at a point several miles south of Zumbrota, Minnesota, four flashlights were found equipped with red filmolens. These lights, which had been used as signal lights at the time Mr. Magee delivered the ransom money to the kidnapers, bore the trademark "Merit Product." The Special Agents then began the task of tracing these flashlights and it was learned that flashlights of this make were sold at the F. & W. Grand Silver Store, 67 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. At this store a girl employee identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as having purchased the flashlights from her prior to the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Special Agents after the identification of Arthur "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis had definite leads and knew the identity of two of the actual participants in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. The Special Agents knew also that the gang which had extorted and robbed the citizens of the Twin Cities of more than \$300,000 in less than a year's time were desperate criminals. Arthur "Doc" Earker and Alvin Karpis were not strangers to the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation - their histories were known.

On March 20, 1934, Fred Goetz met his death. He was murdered by members of the underworld at Cicero, Illinois as he was leaving a saloon. His murderers eliminated him from further participation in the criminal activities of the Karpis-Barker gang by several shotgun blasts in his face, which prevented recognition. He was identified by fingerprints. After the death of Fred Goetz, investigation revealed that he had participated in the abduction of Mr. Bremer. Efforts were made by Special Agents to locate Irene Dorsey, with whom Goetz had been living. Interviews with the parents of Irene Dorsey and Fred Goetz produced no information concerning her whereabouts other than that Irene Dorsey was somewhere in the West. Continued investigation revealed that Irene had sent to her parents the following telegram:

"No contracts no signing partner to settle read and think. Use your wits, neither cloud is under control and all need Indian orders wait for them. Answer yes at once." Signed "Irene Dorsey, Larne Hotel, San Francisco, California."

Irene Dorsey was not located at the Larne Hotel. She was located in the mental ward of a hospital. Her association with the criminal Fred Goetz had been too much and her mind faltered under the strain.

Subsequent investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that Fred Goetz, with Fred Barker and Volney Davis, had carried on ransom negotiations in St. Paul and had collected the \$200,000 from the intermediary. It was further learned that Volney Davis had been the individual who had openly approached Lillian Dickman and Father Deere in the negotiations for the payment of the ransom money.

On February 9, 1934, two days subsequent to the release of Mr. Bremer, the Federal Bureau of Investigation began the distribution of the printed list containing the serial numbers of all the currency which comprised the ransom. These lists were distributed to all banks in the United States and in some foreign countries, with the request that should any of the listed currency be detected in a bank the nearest division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was to be immediately notified. On April 23, 1934 the Chicago Field Division of the Federal dureau of Investigation received information that an individual appeared at the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and presented \$900.00 in five dollar bills and \$100.00 in ten and twenty dollar bills and requested that \$100 bills be given in exchange therefor. The teller at the bank was suspicious of this exchange and compared the serial numbers appearing on the five and ten dollar bills with the ransom list. It was found to be ransom money. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation acting promptly on this lead and having obtained a description of the individual who passed the money, who investigation disclosed had appeared at other banking institutions in the city, redoubled their efforts to locate him. On April 26, 1934 an individual appeared at the City National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois and desired a \$100.00 bill for ten \$10 bills, which were determined by the officials of the bank to be ransom money. Again the Chicago Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was immediately notified and investigation disclosed that the individual who had exchanged the money had made the remark that he was a "bookie". A bookmaker's establishment at 226 South Wells Street in Chicago was located. At this place Special Agents located William Edward Vidler, who admitted that he was the man who had been exchanging the money in Chicago, but denied that he knew it was ransom money.

It was further learned that Vidler's associates in the exchange of the money were John J. IcLaughlin, commonly known as "Boss" McLaughlin, a political "ward heeler", John J. McLaughlin, Jr. and Philip Delaney. On April 28, 1934 "Boss" McLaughlin was taken into custody by Special Agents. He was indignant that he should be arrested. Telegrams were dispatched to the President of the United States and to the Attorney General by McLaughlin's wife, protesting

the arrest. The attempt failed and McLaughlin remained in custody. The ex-Illinois State Legislator was unable to gain his freedom by endeavoring to use political influence. John McLaughlin, Jr. and Philip Delaney were also arrested and charged with being money-changers. When questioned concerning his part in the transaction, John J. McLaughlin, Sr. stated that he first negotiated with one Frankie Uright in the lobby of a prominent hotel in Chicago; that he was later introduced by Wright to individuals known only to him as "Izzy" and "Slim"; that he agreed to exchange the money on a five per cent basis and understood from information furnished to him by "Izzy" and "Slim"; that the first \$100,000 to be exchanged was the Hamm ransom money paid by William A. Hamm of St. Paul to effect his release from a gang of kidnapers and that \$200,000, paid by Edward G. Bremer, would be forthcoming at a later date to be exchanged. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation also learned that AcLaughlin had visited "Izzy" and "Slim" at a hotel on Irving Park Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois. Investigation disclosed that the hotel in question was the Irving Hotel on Irving Park Boulevard and that the room in which McLaughlin had met "Izzy" and "Slim" was rented by Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

It was further learned that additional rooms had been rented at the hotel by Dr. Moran on April 23, 25, 26 and 27, 1934. This investigation disclosed that an individual known as Roy Gray, of 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was a frequent visitor to Dr. Moran. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained a photograph of Roy Gray and after examining it found that it was identical with the photograph of Russell Gibson, for whom the Federal Bureau of Investigation had previously prepared an Identification Order, showing Gibson to be wanted for violation of the National Notor Vehicle Theft Act and also for robbing the American First National Bank messenger at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 24, 1929. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through their investigative efforts identified "Izzy" as Oliver A. Berg, who was wanted by the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

Special Agents on the night of August 22, 1934 arrested Oliver A. Berg at the home of his sister, 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Nearby in a desk of the room in which Berg was taken into custody were found fully loaded revolvers which Berg had no opportunity to use. Berg did not surrender peacefully and although he was advised of the identity of the Special Agents, he screamed that he was "being taken for a ride." Berg boasted that he was one of the few surviving members of the so-called "Bugs" Moran mob, which had terrorized Chicago, Illinois in the early prohibition days, the majority of that gang being annihilated on February 14, 1929, by what is now known as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, in which Fred Goetz is alleged to have been one of the machine gunners.

It appears that Berg had been received at the Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois on December 15, 1926, to serve a sentence of ten years to life imprisonment after conviction on a charge of robbery with a gun. He appealed his case and while it was receiving consideration of the Appellate Court, he was released from the Illinois State Penitentiary on bond on November 7, 1931. The Appellate Court, however, sustained the sentence of the Lower Court and Berg did not return to the penitentiary until after his apprehension by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Inquiry into the back ground of Dr. Joseph P. Moran revealed that ha had an extensive practice in medicine, most of his patients being members of the underworld. Dr. Noran himself had served a sentence at the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois for the crime of abortion. He was received at the penitentiary on November 17, 1928 for LaSalle County, Illinois, under sentence of one to ten years. He was paroled on April 7, 1930 and having violated the terms of his parole was returned to the penitentiary on January 23, 1931. He was again paroled on December 15, 1931. While in the penitentiary, Dr. Moran engaged in medical work and is said to have operated upon approximately 4,500 persons, including prisoners and officials, during the period of his incarceration. While in the penitentiary, Dr. Moran met various labor leaders who visited that Institution and through these contacts he became the physician for the Chicago Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers' Union, with headquarters in Maywood, Illinois, subsequent to the time he was released from the penitentiary. As physician for this union, Dr. Loran became very closely associated with the Touhy mob and the Capone Syndicate. During August of 1933 the union was reorganized and at the time Dr. Noran was dropped as its physician. He thereafter established himself in an office on Irving Park Boulevard, where many of his friends from the underworld continued to call upon him.

Fred Goetz and Irone Dorsey subsequent to the release of Mr. Bremer moved from their apartment at 1934 West Garfield Boulevard to an apartment located at 7827 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. After the collection of the ransom money from the Bremer Family, it was taken to the apartment of Fred Goetz by Volney Davis, Goetz and Bryan Bolton, but later in order to better conceal the loot, Goetz took the ransom money and buried it in the garage of Simon Cinotto, Irene Dorsey's uncle, at Wilmington, Illinois.

At the time Nr. Bremer was being held kidnaped victim, the women members of the mob concealed themselves in apartments located in Chicago, Illinois. Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon secured an apartment together at 6212 University Avenue. The arrangements for this apartment were made by William J. Harrison. Ma Barker at this time was residing in an apartment at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, which apartment she occupied until September, 1934. Here she waited patiently for her sons to successfully consummate their latest crime. Harrison also did

other favors for the gang and on January 27, 1934, Harrison, with Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray, traveled from Chicago, Illinois to Toledo, Ohio and registered at the Algeo Hotel. The purpose of this trip was to secure license plates for the automobile of Fred Barker. Harrison during the time he was operating speak-easies at Calumet City, Illinois had as a partner, Bert Angus, who at the time of the visit in February, 1934 of Harrison to Toledo, Ohio was operating a roadhouse known as the Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, in partnership with his ex-convict brother Ted Angus and immediately upon Harrison's arrival in Toledo he contacted his old friend Bert Angus and through a bartender arranged for the purchase of a set of license plates. During the same afternoon, while Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette and Harrison were sleeping in their rooms at the Algeo Hotel, two police officers, upon orders of Captain George Timiney, in charge of the so-called "hoodlum" squad of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, in order to play a practical joke on Harrison, caused Harrison's arrest. Harrison pleaded that he was a good friend of Bert Angus, but the officers refused to heed his pleadings, but finally agreed to take him to the Casino Club to ascertain whether Bert Angus would vouch for him. As a part of the hoax, Bert Angus and Captain Timiney refused to recognize Harrison. In the meantime, the women in the hotel room were frantic. They feared that possibly the Karpis-Barker gang had already been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer. Immediately after securing the license plates, Harrison, with Mynona Burdette and Edna Murray, returned to Chicago, Illinois.

Just prior to the release of Mr. Bremer, dissent arose among Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon and Paula secured another apartment located at 6708 Constance Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, where Fred Barker presumably resided with her after collection of the ransom money. The landlord later complained that this apartment was vacated without notice the latter part of February 1934 and left in a disorderly condition. Due to the reliable contact that Harrison had established in Toledo, Ohio, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon after leaving the apartment on Constance Avenue proceeded to the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio and there as Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bradford, rented an apartment at 4905 Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio.

In late February, 1934, Volney Davis, posing as a gambler and ex-prize fighter, with Edna Murray, moved to Aurora, Illinois, where they had an apartment at 415 Fox Street. Volney and Edna believed that they would be in less fear of apprehension if they did not live in too close proximity to other members of the gang. Their wishes in this matter were soon shattered, as William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton also moved to Aurora, Illinois and rented a room at 50 South 4th Street and later moved into an apartment at 411 Claim Street. "Doc" Barker also made his home with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at the latter address. Weaver represented himself to the citizens of Aurora as being William Thornton, a man engaged in the slot machine business. "Doc" Barker was known as Mr. Morley.

After the assassination of Fred Goetz, the gang deemed it advisable to move the ransom money from its burial place at Wilmington, Illinois and thereafter, on or about March 23, 1934, Kate Barker and Irene Dorsey contacted Volney Davis at his apartment in Aurora, Illinois and on that night Volney Davis, with Kate Barker and Irene Dorsey, removed the ransom money from Wilmington, Illinois, taking it to the apartment of Fred Barker in Chicago, Illinois, who had returned from Toledo, Ohio. Thereafter the ransom negotiations with "Boss" McLaughlin began on or about April 18, 1934 and the money was taken to the apartment of William Weaver at Aurora, Illinois. The money was then routed through Dr. Moran to the money-changers in Chicago, Illinois.

During the months of March and April 1934, Moran's rooms at the Irving Hotel were used as a rendezvous by "Doc" Barker, Oliver A. Berg, "Boss" McLaughlin, Russell Gibson and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. The rooms of Dr. Moran contained at various times many thousands of dollars of the ransom money. After the money had been exchanged, it was returned to Dr. Moran's rooms, where percentages were paid for the exchanges and other quantities of ransom money were given to McLaughlin for further exchange. Moran received his "cut" for the assistance which he rendered. Oliver A. Berg, Russell Gibson and James Wilson, the nephew of Dr. Moran, were assisting the mobsters by making trips with them to Aurora, Illinois to secure money for curposes of exchange in Chicago and Wilson was running other errands which ere required. James Wilson became involved with this notorious mob because he had hoped that his uncle, Dr. Moran, would secure sufficient renumeration from the exchange of the ransom money to permit his uncle defraying his expenses for a medical course in college.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained that on or about the 10th of March, 1934, Dr. Moran operated on the fingers and faces of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker in his rooms at the Irving Hotel, in an unsuccessful effort to alter their fingerprints and facial characteristics to prevent identification. After those operations, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker convalesced in a room provided for them by Oliver Berg at the home of his sister on Winthrop Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. Fred Barker was suffering from the operations the night Fred Goetz was killed. This prevented him from taking an active part in the removal of the ransom money from Wilmington, Illinois. It is said that Fred Barker was a "raving maniac", due to the pain caused by the unsuccessful operations performed by the ex-convict doctor.

On April 22, 1934 at the lodge known as Little Bohemia at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, John Dillinger and his mobsters evaded capture by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and fled to St. Paul, Minnesota and thence to Chicago, Illinois. In this escape John Hamilton, the gangster associate of Dillinger, was wounded. Refuge was sought and obtained by

Dillinger, Homer Van Meter and the wounded Hamilton from members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Through mutual contacts of Dillinger and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which were members of the Capone Syndicate, Dillinger was put in touch with Elmer Farmer at Bensenville, Illinois and through Elmer Farmer arrangements were made to take John Hamilton to the home of Volney Davis at Aurora, Illinois, at which place Hamilton died and after his death he was buried by Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker, John Dillinger, Homer Van Meter, William Weaver and Harry Campbell in a gravel pit near Oswego, Illinois. The body of Hamilton was later recovered on August 28, 1935 by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On the day that "Boss" McLaughlin was arrested with his colleagues in Chicago, Illinois, a dramatic incident occurred at Aurora, Illinois. The gang did not know whether "Boss" McLaughlin would talk. They anticipated that if he did talk the gang's hide-out at Aurora would become known. They decided to be prepared "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, together with their guests John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, guarded the windows and the doors of Volney Davis' apartment all through the night, each being armed with a machine gun, anticipating a raid by Special Agents. The following morning, Russell Gibson brought them the details of what he had learned concerning the arrest of the money changers. Coincident ith the announcement in the press on April 28, 1934 of the arrest of John J. McLaughlin, Sr. and the others, Dr. Joseph P. Moran abandoned his room at the Irving Hotel and together with Oliver A. Berg, Russell Gibson and James Wilson, fled to Toledo, Ohio.

Prior to the occurrences at Aurora, Illinois and immediately after the release of Mr. Bremer, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, under the names of Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, rented an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio and later, on March 25, 1934, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, as Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield, rented a house at 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio and apparently Harry Campbell returned to Chicago and Aurora on various occasions during the ransom exchange negotiations.

Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, on April 18, 1934, as Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Baudry, rented an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, at which place they continued to reside until May 18, 1934.

Edna Murray after fleeing from Aurora, Illinois subsequent to the apprehension of "Boss" McLaughlin, made a trip to Kansas City, Missouri and vicinity and later joined Volney Davis in Toledo, Ohio, where on May 9, 1934 they rented an apartment at the Burdalla Apartments under the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Morley.

The investigation by Special Agents revealed that although the gang had fled from Chicago and Aurora, Illinois, they were making every effort to woid detection and identification. Arrangements were made at Toledo for

Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker to undergo facial and finger operations similar to those which had been performed on Karpis and Barker at Chicago, Illinois. On the night Dr. Moran was to perform these operations, with the assistance of James Wilson, at the home of Harry Campbell in Point Place, Ohio, Harry Campbell alarmed the other members of the gang by advising that he believed the house was under surveillance by police officers. The operations were postponed while Fred Barker made inquiries, through Ted Angus, whether that situation really existed. Upon receiving information that there was nothing at which they should be alarmed, Dr. Moran performed the operations. It was later said that Harry Campbell lacked courage in going through with the operations; that he took the means of postponing it by advising his associates that there was danger of a police raid. Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker were nursed during their convalescent period by James Wilson, Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray. They suffered severe pain in their fingers and had to be fed by those attending them. The favorite "hang out" for the mob after their flight from Chicago was the Casino Club. Here the gang spent their money freely and enjoyed the fruits of their crime. Charles J. Fitzgerald, better known as "Old Fitz" or the "Old Man", was with other members of the gang in Toledo and enjoyed the recreation and entertainment at the Casino Club with them. Fitzgerald was popular among the members of the club and others who visited that place, as he would frequently "buy a beer and a whiskey for the house."

In June 1934 William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhose, rented a cottage at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio. Likewise Edna Murray and Volney Davis took a cottage on Lake Erie near the cottage of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, in an effort to avoid the company of other members of the gang, but this was unsuccessful, as various members congregated at these cottages. Discord arose among the various members and as a result, William Weaver and Volney Davis, who were characterized as the malcontents of the gang, were given their share of the ransom money, which to the best information obtainable, was approximately between \$18,000 and \$20,000 each.

After securing his share of the ransom money, Volney Davis made a trip to Buffalo, New York, where he exchanged for unmarked currency a portion of his share of the ransom money. Davis after making this trip to Buffalo, secured a Ford truck, left Grand Forest Beach, Ohio and proceeded in the truck to Glasgow, Montana, where he was later joined by Edna Murray. Davis intended severing his connections with the Karpis-Barker gang forever and contemplated going into business at Glasgow, Montana with Corey Bales, with whom he had become acquainted while in Aurora, Illinois. At Glasgow, Montana, Davis and Bales leased a plot of land near the Fort Peck Dam and built thereon a night club which was also to be used as a gambling establishment. Volney Davis and Edna Murray enjoyed the free life of the West for only a short time, as they

received information that Special Agents were conducting an investigation in the vicinity of Glasgow, Montana concerning them and they immediately fled to Kansas City, Missouri.

William Weaver, after securing his share of the ransom money in August, 1934, left the other members of the gang and proceeded, with Myrtle Eaton, to Allandale, Florida, where they took up residence on a small chicken farm.

Alvin Karpis also reasoned that if so many of the gang continued to associate together it would ultimately cause their apprehension, so he, with Dolores Delaney, moved to Cleveland, Chio, where in early May of 1934 they rented an apartment, the location of which has never been determined. They were soon joined by Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, who on May 20, 1934 rented an apartment at 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, where they resided under the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Matterson. On June 8, 1934, Alvin Karpis and his moll, as Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth, rented a house at 18109 Flamingo Avenue, where they continued to live until July 6, 1934, on which latter date they rented a house at 3973 West 140th Street. On August 16, 1934, as Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Matterson, Fred Barker and his woman began living at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Harry Sawyer, after the kidnaping and release of Mr. Bremer continued to reside with his wife, Gladys, in St. Paul, Minnesota, until April, 1934, when he fled with his wife to Las Vegas, Nevada to avoid prosecution in connection with the abduction of Mr. Bremer. Harry Sawyer had not received his share of the ransom money and therefore in June, 1934, he communicated with Alvin Karpis by letter at General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, and made arrangements to meet Karpis in Cleveland and thereafter did join other members of the gang in that city.

On or about August 21, 1934, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette left their cottage at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio and also moved into Cleveland, Ohio, where as Mr. and Mrs. George walcott they rented an apartment at 7009 Franklin Boulevard. "Doc" Barker also resided at this address with them. Harrison also associated with those members of the gang living in Cleveland, Ohio. Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, "Doc" Barker and William Harrison were enjoying their rest at Cleveland, Ohio, frequenting the Harvard Club, a notorious gambling establishment in Newburg Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, which was operated by James "Shimmy" Patton and Arthur W. Hedebrand. The gang in September of 1934 still possessed approximately \$100,000 of the original ransom money and to avoid detection, efforts were being made by them to exchange the ransom money for money which could not be detected by the serial numbers. William Harrison and Harry Sawyer were designated as the emissaries of the mob to proceed to Miami, Florida and make arrangements for this exchange and on September 1, 1934, Sawyer and Tarrison were at the El Commodore Hotel in Miami, Florida.

Four days later, on September 5, 1934, the tranquillity enjoyed by those who remained in Cleveland, Ohio was materially disturbed, for on that date Wynoma Eurdette, Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon visited the bar in the Cleveland Hotel at Cleveland, Ohio, where they indulged heavily in intoxicating liquors. They became boisterous and as a result they were arrested by the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department on charges of being drunk and disorderly. They were taken from the hotel screaming, fearing that their identities would become known. Special agents learned of the arrest of the women and identified them as being associates of the Karpis-Barker gang. Again it was time for the remaining members of the gang in Cleveland to move. Dolores Dalaney was instructed by Alvin Karpis to immediately proceed to Toledo, Ohio and register at the Algeo Hotel. At this place the Delaney woman received further instructions from Karpis to proceed to Chicago, Illinois. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis followed and thereafter Karpis met Dolores Delaney in Chicago and Fred Barker met his mother and the next place of refuge was Miami, Florida. Special Agents, after the identification of the women were made, conducted an investigation at the various residences which had been occupied by the gangsters, but found that they had fled. Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Gladys Sawyer, after being questioned concerning the wanderings of the gang, were released. Gladys Sawyer returned to her home in St. Paul, but later rejoined her husband and proceeded to the State of Mississippi. After the release of Wynona Burdette, she proeded to the home of her sister in Tulsa, Oklahoma and later to the home of nother sister near Hominy, Oklahoma. Wynona had vowed that she was through with gangsters and their activities. She expressed a hope that she could again secure a position in her native state and remain there as a law-abiding citizen. Paula Harmon, upon being discharged from custody, returned to her home at Port Arthur, Texas, later to be committed to a state hospital for mental disorders. She thereafter at no time associated with other members of the mob.

William Harrison and Harry Sawyer had, in the meantime, started negotiations with Cassius McDonald to make further exchanges of the ransom money. Cassius McDonald, a man of fifty years of age, for twenty-five years had engaged in gambling activities in Chicago, Detroit and Havana, Cuba. He maintained a residence at Trombley Road and Lake St. Clair, Detroit, Michigan, where he entertained many prominent politicians. For ten years, McDonald had spent a considerable portion of his time in Cuba, as a result of which he gained control of the gambling activities in Havana. On September 5, 1934, McDonald traveled by air to Havana, Cuba, where he contacted a brokerage firm, stating to the officials of that firm that he had a quantity of small denomination American bills with which he desired to purchase Cuban gold. McDonald introduced himself to the brokerage firm as Mr. O'Brien. McDonald exchanged \$18,000 of the ransom money and received \$14,000 in Cuban gold exchange.

The following day McDonald went to the Mational City Bank in Havana, Cuba, where arrangements were made for the sale of the Cuban gold through that bank and McDonald received fourteen one thousand dollar bills in exchange therefor. Later, on September 10, 1934, McDonald under the name O'Brien again contacted the brokerage firm and made arrangements to exchange \$72,000 in ranson money for larger bills. The representatives of the brokerage firm were Rene Bolivar and Juan Ruiz and on the occasion of his second visit to the firm, McDonald invited Bolivar and Ruiz to his room at the National Hotel, at which place they observed William J. Harrison. McDonald while in the hotel room produced a newspaper wrapped package which contained \$72,000 in small bills. Bolivar thereafter went to the Chase National Bank in Havana, Cuba with McDonald and the money was exchanged for one thousand dollar bills. The Chase National Bank charged a discount of one-fourth of one per cent on the transaction.

Alvin Karpis and Dolores Doloney on September 20, 1934 registered at the El Commodore Hotel in Miani, Florida as Mr. and Mrs. J. Wagner of Detroit, Michigan, but on the following day they checked out of this hotel and took refuge in Havana, Cuba. At Havana, Cuba they visited the Park View Hotel and presented to the Manager, Nathaniel Heller, a card signed by Joe Adams, the Manager of the El Commodore Hotel, which card bore the message "this man is all right". Karpis believed that in Cuba he would find relaxation from the pressing search being conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Through the efforts of Nathaniel Heller, Karpis rented a cottage at Veradere Beach in Cuba and he and Dolores Delaney once more "settled down".

Other members of the Karpis-Barker gang who during September 1934 registered at the El Commodore Hotel were Harry Campbell, Fred and Kate Barker. Ma Barker appeared at the hotel on September 30, 1934 and registered as Mrs. G. E. Ryan of South Bend, Indiana. Harry Campbell, as G. L. Summers, and Fred Barker, as T. C. Blackburn, of St. Charles, Illinois, registered at the hotel on September 29, 1934 and remained there until November 7, 1934, as did Ma Barker. During the residence of Fred Barker at the El Commodore Hotel he expressed a desire to Joe Adams, the Manager, that he would like to have a cottage where he and his mother could reside and enjoy a quiet life. Joe Adams had a friend who owned a cottage which would supply the need of Fred Barker. Adams, through this friend, secured the rental of a cottage for Fred Barker and his mother which was located on Lake Weir at Oklawaha, Florida. After this cottage was rented by Fred Barker, he and his mother left the El Commodore Hotel on November 7, 1934 and took up their residence on Lake Weir.

Harry Campbell became lonesome for Wynona Burdette and a few days before Thanksgiving of 1934 he drove to Oklahoma to the home of Wynona Burdette's — sister at Hominy, Oklahoma and there rejoined Wynona. Wynona cast aside the resolution she had previously made and returned with Campbell to the State of

Florida, where they began living with Fred Barker and his mother on Lake Jeir. Karpis, in the meantime, with Dolores Delaney, had continued to reside in Havana, Cuba, but in the early part of December 1934, Karpis again decided it was best to move. His photograph had appeared in the Havana newspapers and he feared someone might recognize him. The couple returned to Miami, Florida. Again Joe Adams came to the assistance of a member of the gang and assisted Dolores Delaney and Karpis in renting a house at 1121 85th Street, N.E., Miami, Florida, where the couple resided as Nr. and Mrs. S. A. Green.

While these activities were taking place in Miani, Florida and Havana, Cuba, James Wilson had not seen his uncle, Dr. Moran, for several weeks, so he left Toledo, Ohio and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois and then to Denver, Colorado, where on September 4, 1934 he surrendered to the Denver Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Doc" Barker, prior to going to Tolcdo, Ohio in April 1934 had been termed by his associates as a woman hater, except for his frequent visits to houses of prostitution. At Toledo, Ohio "Doc" Earker became infatuated with Mildred Kuhlman, who was a friend of Madeline Angus, the wife of Ted Angus, who had afforded the gang protection. Mildred was also friendly with Thelma and Rone Holst, sisters of Madeline Angus. After the gang had left the vicinity of Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, "Doc" Barker persuaded Mildred Kuhlman with promises of many luxuries to return with him to Chicago, Illinois. Through the investigative efforts of Special Agents it was established that Mildred Kuhlman on December 11, 1934 registered at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. An immediate surveillance was instituted of this woman and it disclosed that Mildred Kuhlman resided at 432 Serf Street, Chicago, Illinois; that she was friendly and almost in constant company with a woman known as Patricia Longquest. The investigation further disclosed that "Doc" Barker was residing with the Kuhlman woman at the Serf Street address and that "Doc" and Mildred were associating with William Harrison and Russell Gibson in Chicago. It was also ascertained that in keeping with the usual practice, Harrison had rented an apartment at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue in Chicago as J.B. Bolton and Special Agents invediately determined that Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker frequented the place.

The apprehension of these fugitives was delayed, as the information which had been obtained throughout the course of the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping had indicated that members of the gang usually resided in the same general vicinity and it was not until investigation definitely disclosed that Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang were not associating with "Doc" Barker in Chicago that action was taken to apprehend those fugitives who had been located. On the night of January 8, 1935 the apartment at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue was surrounded. Other Special Agents covered the address at 432 Serf Street and at about 6:30 P.M. on that date "Doc" Barker and Mildred

Kuhlman left the premises and were taken into custody by Special Agents. "Doc" Barker had no opportunity to resist. An immediate search of the apartment which had been occupied by "Doc" Barker and Mildred Kuhlman revealed a large black leather case in which there was contained a Thompson submachine gun from which the serial number had been removed. The Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation subsequently restored this number and it was found that it was the machine gun which had been stolen by members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the time they staged the pay roll robbery in South St. Paul on August 30, 1933 and killed a policeman.

At about 10:45 P. M. on January 8, 1935 a Special Agent gave the command to the occupants at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue to surrender. Clara Gibson, wife of Russell Gibson, Ruth Heidt, the ex-wife of William J. Harrison, and Bryan Bolton complied with this command. Ignoring the plea of his wife who frantically begged him to surrender, Russell Gibson chose to fight it out. He equipped himself with a bulletproof vest, a .32 Caliber Colt automatic pistol and a Browning automatic rifle and endeavored to force an escape through the rear door of the apartment. Gibson cautiously opened the door, but upon observing a Special Agent guarding the entrance, Gibson raised the automatic rifle and fired. His aim was poor. The Special Agent returned the fire and Gibson fell at the foot of the stairway mortally wounded. Gibson died a few hours later in a hospital in Chicago, Illinois with a curse on his lips for all law enforcement officers. A few days later, ironically on his birthday, Gibson was buried in a cemetery at Chicago, Illinois. There was no large gangster funeral, but only a few of his nearest relatives attended. There were no friends as pallbearers, but the employees of the cemetery due to the cold wind which was blowing hurried the casket which contained the remains of Russell Gibson from the hearse to the burial place.

Upon entering the apartment at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Special Agents found a small arsenal. Among the guns found were the following:

- 1 .32 Colt automatic pistol #481720
- 1 .38 police positive revolver #273652
- 2 Browning 30.06 automatic rifles
- 1 Auto burglar 20 gauge Ithaca Gun Company Shotgun #361601
- 1 .351 rifle fitted with front machine gun grip and Cutts compensator

together with a large quantity of ammunition. A map was found in the effects of "Doc" Barker, on which map appeared a penciled circle around the town of Ocala, Florida, which circle encompassed the territory in which Lake Weir was located. Other information had been obtained by Special Agents that in the vicinity of where the other members of the gang were hiding out the residents talked of an alligator known as "Old Joe." In possession of this valuable

information, Special Agents began an extensive investigation in the vicinity of Ocala and Oklawaha, Florida, which investigation disclosed that Fred Barker and his mother were residing in a cottage located on Lake Weir, this being the cottage which had been secured for them through the efforts of Joe Adams. It was further learned that a few days prior to the location of this cottage, Harry Campbell and Mynona Burdette had been visitors there. At about 5:30 o'clock on the morning of January 16, 1935 Special Agents surrounded the Barker "hang out" and the Special Agent in Charge approached the house, demanding the occupants to surrender. After a period of approximately fifteen minutes, no answer was recuived and the Special Agent in Charge commanded that Kate and Fred Berker surrender. For a few minutes there was no answer, then a voice was heard to say "all right go ahead." The Special Agents interpreted this remark as meaning that Kate and Fred Barker were going to surrender, but it had a far different meaning, for the answer to the Special Agent's last command was a blast of machine gun fire from the house. The machine gun fire was answered by tear gas bombs, rifle fire and eaching gun fire from weapons in the hands of the Special Agents. Kate Barker battled until death and when the house was entered later in the morning, Special Agents found the bodies of Fred Barker and Kate Barker. A .45 caliber automatic pistol was found near the body of Fred Barker and a machine gun lay at Ma Barker's left hand. A search of the house after the battle had ccased disclosed \$14,000 in \$1,000 bills and investigation revealed that these \$1,000 bills were a part of those which had been obtained by Cassius McDonald in Havana, Cuba in exchange for Bremer ransom money. There was also found other currency of smaller denominations totaling approximately \$293.00.

A small arsenal was located in the house which consisted of -

- 2 Thompson submachine guns
- 1 Browning .12 gauge automatic shotgun
- 1 Remington .12 gauge pump shotgun
- 2 .45 caliber automatic pistols
- 1 .33 caliber Winchester rifle and
- 1 .380 caliber Colt automatic pistol,

together with machine gun drums, automatic pistol clips and a quantity of ammunition.

There was also found in the house a letter signed by "B.L. Barnes" which was a letter to Fred Barker from his brother "Doc." This letter read as follows:

"Hello ever one how is that old sunshine down there fine I hope. Boy it is not so hot up here, for we are haveing some winter. I Bet you and Buff are not catching no fish now for I think I caught then all when I was down there. I took care of that

Buisness for you Boys it was done Just as good as if you had did it your self. I am Just like the standard oil always at your service ha ha. tell, Bo, you Know the Boy with the rosey cheek that Moxey is up here looking for him and if it is alright to send him down. I have not seen chuck yet I have Been Busy on that other he was perrty hard to locate. But will see him right away, and see if he wants some down there. tell mother that deer was mighty fine and I said hello and her and the squaw had better not let you Bums Beat then in catching fish ha ha well I will close for this time as ever your Big Bud

B. L. Barnes"

This letter became significant in explaining the disappearance of one member of the gang.

Kate and Fred Barker were deserted in death by their companions and their bodies remained unburied from January 16, 1935 until October 1, 1935. On the latter date Kate and her son Fred were buried at an unknown, unkept countryside graveyard, full of undergrowth and weeds known as the Williams Cemetery, Welch, Oklahoma. The services whre attended by a small number of relatives and curious onlookers. It was estimated that approximately twenty-five people attended the services which included six undertakers. The funeral sermon was preached to the living, with no mention being made of the deceased. The minister invoked the blessings of the Deity upon the surviving members of the family. The minister qualified the request for such blessings with the statement "If it be Thy will". The bodies were buried next to the grave of Herman Barker, Ma's eldest son.

At the time the shooting took place at Oklawaha, Florida, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided in a house on 85th Street in Miami, Florida. They had as visitors Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, who had left the house occupied by Fred Barker and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida for a trip to Miami on January 13, 1935. Wynona Burdette was to assist Dolores Delaney, as the latter was an expectant mother. The news of the death of Fred and Kate Barker reached Miami, Florida on the evening of January 16, 1935. It was time for Karpis and Campbell to renew their flight. Plans for the departure were made hurriedly and the gang's new errand boy, an orchestra leader by the name of Henry "Duke" Randall, was dispatched to the El Commodoro Hotel, where \$1,200 was secured for Karpis from Joe Adams, who had been holding the same for the fugitive. The night of January 16, 1935 found Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette aboard a train bound for Atlantic City, New Jersey. They carried with them as credentials a note signed by "Duke" Randall addressed to William A. Morley, part owner of the Danmor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey. The message requested Morley to take care of his friend Mrs. Graham and to see that she obtained a good

doctor and good care. The women arrived at Atlantic City, New Jersey about 2:00 o'clock on the afternoon of January 18, 1935 and registered at the Danmor Hotel as Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister of Macon, Georgia. At about 1:00 o'clock in the morning the following day Karpis and Campbell appeared at the Danmor Hotel driving a Buick sedan bearing Florida license D-5-306. Karpis registered at the hotel as R. S. Carson and Campbell used the name of G. C. Cameron. Special Agents had learned of the license number of the car in the possession of Karpis and a description of the car and the desperate character of its occupants were broadcast. Early on the norning of Janaury 20, 1935 a police officer located the car in the Coast Garage at Atlantic City, New Jersey and this officer, with two fellow officers, of the Atlantic City Police Department, then proceeded to the Danmor Hotel to investigate. The officers approached the third floor of the hotel with drawn guns. In the hallway they found a frightened man dressed only in his underwear and when questioned by the officers he stated that he would be glad to have the man who was in the room in which the officers were interested to come out in the hallway. The ruse worked. Karpis dashed into Campbell's room and they came out together firing a machine gun and after an exchange of shots with the officers, Karpis and Campbell succeeded in perfecting their escape. Dolores Delaney was wounded in the leg. She and Mynona Burdette succeeded in escaping from the hotel and crouched in the alley, awaiting the arrival of Karpis and Campbell to rescue them. However, during the period of time they were waiting for the fugitives they deliberated upon the safety of their men and it was decided that to continue the flight with Karpis and Campbell at this time, due to the condition of Dolores Delaney, would only hinder their flight. The women remained in the alley until taken into custody by officers.

After escaping from the hotel, Karpis and Campbell succeeded in stealing a Pontiac coach from a local garage and in this car they fled from Atlantic City, New Jersey, after unsuccessful efforts to locate their women. They abandoned the stolen Pontiac car near Quakertown, Pennsylvania and at about midnight on January 20, 1935 the fugitives kidnaped Dr. Herace H. Hunsicker of Allentown, Pennsylvania and at the point of a machine gun forced the doctor to drive them in his car from a point near Sellersville, Pennsylvania to Guilford Center, Ohio, at which place Dr. Hunsicker was forced to enter the Guilford Center Grange Hall, where he was bound, gagged and abandoned. Karpis and Campbell fled on to Toledo, Ohio in the doctor's car and later disposed of it by leaving the car at a point near LaSalle, Michigan.

A few days subsequent to the arrest of "Doc" Barker, Special Agents learned that the hide-out in which Mr. Bremer had been held was located at Bensenville, Illinois. Simultaneously with the raid which had been conducted at Oklawaha, Florida which resulted in the deaths of Fred and Ma Barker, Special Agents raided the address at 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. The building at this address was owned by Herman Baucke and it was found that a former tenant who had occupied a portion of this building in January and February of 1934 had moved several months prior to the raid.

On January 19, 1935 Mr. Bremer positively identified the portion of the building which had formerly been occupied by Harold Alderton as being the house in which he had been held a kidnaped victim. Mr. Bremer was successful in identifying the design of the wallpaper in the room in which he was held. Mr. Bremer was also successful in identifying the crack in the wallpaper in a corner of the room, the position of the window and height of the window sill, the electire light drop, the step between the living room and the bedroom and the broken toilet handle. It was also found that the bedroom in which Mr. Bremer had been held was situated as had previously been described by him. The entrance to the house was through the kitchen, as had been related by Mr. Bremer. There was a bedroom adjoining the room in which he was held and the wooden floor in the house answered the description as previously obtained from the victim of the kidnaping.

Investigation disclosed that Elmer Farmer, the tavern owner at Bensenville, Illinois who had been a close associate and harborer of the Karpis-Barker gang, had secured the use of Alderton's home for the use of the kidnapers at the request of Fred Goetz. It was ascertained that in December of 1934 Fred Goetz and Alvin Karpis appeared at Bensenville and examined the prospective hide-out. At that time they agreed to pay Harold Alderton \$1,000 for the use of his home and Farmer likewise was to receive \$1,000 for his services in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. Elmer Farmer was arrested at Bensenville, Illinois on the morning of January 16, 1935 and confessed that he participated in the conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Bremer.

Harold Alderton, an ex-bootlegger, was arrested on January 17, 1935 by Special Agents at Marion, Indiana and likewise admitted that Mr. Bremer had been held in his home and that he had received \$1,000 for his services in connection with the kidnaping.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after finding that Volney Davis and Edna Murray had discontinued their operations in Glasgow, Montana, continued their investigation to locate these fugitives, which investigation disclosed that Volney Davis and Edna Murray were in association with Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor in Kansas City, Missouri. Volney and Edna in February of 1935 were residing at 3028 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, under the names of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harper. Jess Doyle and his paramour, Doris O'Connor had left the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 16, 1934 and together with Eddie and Bessie Green proceeded to Topeka, Kansas. Later, after a visit to Cardin, Oklahoma to visit with Doris O'Connor's relatives, they moved to Aurora, Illinois in May, 1934, at the request of Edna Murray, who as previously related, was the sister of Doris O'Connor. They remained in Aurora until June 1934 and then returned to Kansas City, Missouri, residing

at 4112 Locust Street. Prior to determining the exact address of Edna Murray and Volney Davis in Kansas City, Special Agents ascertained that Davis had stored in a local garage at Kansas City, Missouri, a Pontiac car. A surveillance was maintained of this car, and Volney Davis was captured at St. Louis, Missouri on February 6, 1935, and immediately arrangements were made to remove him from Kansas City. En route to Chicago, Illinois, he airplane in which the Agents with their prisoner were travelling made a forced landing near Yorkville, Illinois, on the night of February 7, 1935, and during the confusion which resulted, Davis effected his escape. He remained at liberty until he was recaptured at Chicago, Illinois, on June 1, 1935.

Davis was questioned concerning a \$100 counterfeit bill which was removed from his person subsequent to his capture in Kansas City, Missouri. He claimed that the bill came from Walter "Irish" O'Malley, who was being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the kidnaping of August Luer of Alton, Illinois. Davis maintained that he did not pass counterfeit noney, but merely carried it with him so that in the event he was arrested by officers of the law, he could tender them the \$100 bill in return for his liberty, believing that he could effect his escape before the officer who had accepted the bribe would discover the bill was counterfeit.

Davis never offered the counterfeit bill to the Special Agents who apprehended him.

Volney Davis after his capture outwardly became penitent and in a moment of his remorse he wrote the following letter to his parents:

"My dear Mother, Father and Sisters:

June 3, 1935.

At last I am in a position where I can write to you all again. And I am sure glad that I can for it has been awful to be running around over the country and not being able to write to the only ones in this world that really loves me. I am here in jail and have entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy in this case, I guess you have read about it in the papers. I will be sentenced on Friday this week, I don't know what I will get but I expect it will be a life sentence. I guess I will be sent to the government prison out in California, but before I go there I will be held for thirty days in some prison here. But I won't be here long enough time for you to come to see me. But just as soon as I am where you can have time to come to see me I will let you know when and where to come. I have some property and some money I want to turn over to you but if it is so you can I want you to bring Ruby with you as there will be quite a bit of running around and she can do it better than you.

I would like to see all of you before I go away for good but I may be impossible as it will cost too much. Tell all the kids hello for me and tell the boys to take a lesson from my experience and never touch anything that don't belong to them. For a man can get more enjoyment out of ten dollars he has earned

honestly than he can a thousand got dishonestly. I know from sad experience. I am telling you this to tell them because it may do some good and I know my life has been spared for some reason in this world and if I can keep some young boys from going wrong I have accomplished something in this world. I would give anything if I could start over again, for I know I could be successful in business if I was free for I have been fairly successful in business transactions while I have been dodging the law and I know if I had been free to have taken care of them like any other citizen I could have done much better.

Papa and Mamma I don't want you all to feel too bad about this for after all you will know where I am at night when you go to sleep and I won't be in danger of being killed any moment. And I promise if such a thing should happen as I am ever a free man again I will make an honest living regardless of how little I can earn. And I will be a model prisoner where ever I go and for ever length of time I get. I have been treated good here and am well in body. I hope whereverI go that I get work that won't be injurious to my health. Well, I don't know much more to write but I will sure write ever time I get a chance and try to make up for the last time.

Tell Uncle Newt hello and I sure would like to see him.

I am going to write a letter to Bertha soon and Irene. I think I know their address, but in case I don't you tell them you heard from me.

Be sure to tell me how Buelah is and when you saw her last. I sure do hope she gets well.

Guess Mildred is O.K. I hope so. Well, I will close. With all my love to you all, as ever,

## Volney Davis"

After the arrest of Volney Davis, Edna Murray and Jess Doyle sought refuge at Pittsburg, Kansas, where on February 7, 1935, Doyle was located by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the cooperation of the Police Department at Pittsburg, Kansas and engaged Doyle in a gun battle. Doyle escaped, but during the day he appeared at Girard, Kansas, where he surrendered to the Sheriff.

On this same date, Edna Murray was taken into custody by Special Agents, together with two individuals who had harbored her, Harry C. Stanley, her brother, and his wife, Mary Stanley. Harry C. Stanley was subsequently convicted on the charge of harboring a fugitive from justice in Federal Court in the District of Kansas and was sentenced on March 12, 1935, to serve six months in the Sedgwick County Jail at Wichita, Kansas and was also fined \$1,000. Mary Stanley, on the same date, was given a five year suspended sentence on the same charge.

The extensive investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell William Weaver, Fred Goetz, Fred Barker and Volney Davis were in St. Paul, Minnesota the morning of Mr. Bremer's abduction and eyewitnesses stated that five or six men using two automobiles were at the corner of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues at the time the kidnaping took place. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell subsequently admitted, after their capture, that they were present the morning when Mr. Bremer was abducted. It was further ascertained that Mr. Bremer had been transported to the hide-out at Bensenville, Illinois by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver and "Doc" Barker, who also acted as guards over Mr. Bremer while the latter was being held; that Bryan Bolton, William Harrison, Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton had taken care of the needs of the guards and their prisoner by supplying them with food, whiskey and by running other errands. Information was also obtained by the Special Agents that the guards at the hide-out had chafed at the delay in the collection of the ransom money and that considerable liquor had been consumed, especially by William Weaver and Harry Campbell. The hoodlums had arguments among themselves and several days before the release of Mr. Bremer one member of the gang was ordered to leave the hide-out. This member was William Weaver, who had become tired of his cramped quarters and the delay in the payment of the ransom money, as a result of which he spent too much time strolling up and down in the alley adjacent to the hide-out. The rest of the gang feared detection if one of their number was observed outside of the hide-out house. "Doc" Barker endeavored to enliven the days by initating the voice of a Mexican and, if possible, also to lead Mr. Bremer to believe that a foreigner was one of his guards. Karpis while at the hide-out studied maps and made charts; although it has never been definitely determined, it is believed that Karpis was compiling getaway charts, possibly for some future crime, or a chart which would be used in returning Mr. Bremer to Rochester, Minnesota. The gang kept machine guns in the hide-out to be used in the event law enforcement agencies discovered where Mr. Bremer was held.

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in simple language which was capable of being understood by everyone, explained briefly the science of fingerprinting and declared that the possibility of the fingerprint found on the gasoline can being that of anyone other than "Doc" Barker would only be one chance in several billion and declared emphatically that the possibility of there being a duplication of fingerprints was so remote as to be out of the question entirely. On cross-examination defense counsel, which obviously were untutored in the science of fingerprinting, made no effort to get at the real questions involved in the fingerprint evidence, but made every effort to seize upon the ridiculous in an effort to confuse the minds of the jurors. These questions were capably explained by the witnesses and no question was left in the minds of the jurors as to the true identity of the fingerprint. "Doc" Barker sat through the proceedings in utter silence, glaring as the witnesses took the stand against him. The sharp criminal eyes of "Doc" Barker had no effect on the witnesses.

At the conclusion of the Government's case on May 6, 1935, the charges against Jess Doyle and Edna Murray were dismissed. Jess Doyle was later returned to the State of Nebraska, where he entered a plea of guilty at Fairbury, Nebraska on a charge that he participated in the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank on April 4, 1933. He was subsequently sentenced to serve ten years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for this crime. Edna Murray was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri to complete the remainder of her twenty-five year sentence for highway robbery and she received an additional two year sentence on the charge of escaping from that institution.

Bruno Austin on May 6, 1935 was discharged from custody on the order of the Court, but only to be rearrested in Chicago and at that place on October 11, 1935 he was convicted of murder and sentenced to serve life imprisonment in the Illinois State Penitentiary.

During the course of the trial, Elmer Farmer on May 13, 1935 entered a plea of guilty to the conspiracy indictment and on June 7, 1935 was sentenced to serve twenty-five years' imprisonment. "Doc" Barker had no defense to offer and did not take the stand in his own behalf. The trial of the defendants who had not been dismissed or otherwise disposed of was concluded on May 16, 1935 and the jury began its deliberations. The money changers during the course of presenting their defense had contended they did not know the money exchanged by them was Brener ransom money and they nervously awaited the return of the jury. On May 17, 1935 the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to Arthur R. Darker, Oliver A. Berg, James J. Wilson, John J. McLaughlin, Sr. and Harold Alderton and on this same date "Doc" Darker and Oliver A. Berg were sentenced to serve life imprisonment. Vidler and Delaney were acquitted. On June 7, 1935 Harold Alderton received a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment. McLaughlin and wilson were sentenced

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to serve five years each; McLaughlin died a few months later in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Oliver A. Berg, after his conviction and sentence, was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary to complete his sentence at that place and a Federal detainer was filed against him. Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton and Arthur R. Barker were temporarily detained at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and later were removed to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, at which place they must serve their sentences.

James J. Wilson was ordered to serve his sentence at the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, but he was later transferred to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. After the arrest of Volney Davis at Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1935, he was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where on June 3, 1935 he entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him with conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Bremer and was immediately sentenced to serve life imprisonment. Davis likewise was temporarily detained at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and subsequently transferred to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz.

After the arrest of Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney at Atlantic City, New Jersey, they were temporarily removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where a son was born to Dolores Delaney. These women were subsequently removed to Miami, Florida, where on March 25, 1935 they entered pleas of guilty in the Federal Court to the charges of harboring a fugitive from justice, and misprision of a felony and on that same date each was sentenced to serve a five year term in the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, father and mother of Alvin Karpis, took custody of the son of Dolores Delaney, who was christened Raymond Alvin Karpavicz.

The investigation continued by the Federal Eureau of Investigation to locate the remaining fugitives in this case and on May 3, 1935 Harry Sawyer was apprehended by Special Agents at Pass Christian, Missisippi, a deputy sheriff and a Mississippi State Highway officer cooperating with the Agents in the apprehension. Sawyer, after the ransom negotiations in Miami, Florida and Havana, Cuba, joined his wife and together they proceeded to the Mississippi town, where Harry Sawyer was operating a drinking and gambling "joint" for colored persons. This created suspicion in the minds of the white citizens in this southern state and ultimately led to the identification and apprehension of Sawyer. This was not the first arrest which Harry Sawyer had experienced as the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that on December 12, 1914 Sawyer was arrested on charges of breaking and entering the offices of the Standard Oil Company in Lincoln, Nebraska. On April 25,

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contended that he was being prosecuted only because he had associated with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Cassius McDonald endeavored to persuade the jury that he did not know the money exchanged in Cuba was the Bremer ransom money. The evidence was clear to the jury and after a two weeks! trial, which concluded on January 24, 1936, a verdict of guilty was returned against all three defendants. On that same date William Weaver and Harry Sawyer were sentenced to serve life imprisonment and after being incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas were transferred to Alcatraz. The sentence of Cassius McDonald was deferred until February 1, 1936, at which time he was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

On June 6, 1940, Judge Richard J. Hopkins of the United States District Court released McDonald on a habeas corpus writ at Kansas City, Kansas.

Immediately following the release of McDonald, the office of the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, advised that this case would be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals.

The United States Court of Appeals at Denver, Colorado, on June 12, 1941, reversed the decision of the lower court in releasing McDonald on a writ of habeas corpus. No action was taken to return McDonald to Federal custody until the expiration of various lengths of time allowed to the petitioners to perfect an appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals. On July 17, 1941, the Circuit Court of Appeals denied McDonald's petition for rehearing.

McDonald's petition for a writ of certiorari filed in the Supreme Court of the United States was denied on October 13, 1941. He was remanded to the custody of the warden at Leavenworth Penitentiary and on October 24, 1941, District Judge Hopkins at Topeka signed an order requiring that McDonald surrender himself within five days of that date. McDonald reentered Leavenworth Penitentiary October 30, 1941

The conspiracy indictment which was pending against Myrtle Eaton was dismissed at St. Paul, Minnesota and on February 26, 1936, she was indicted at Tampa, Florida, charged with harboring William Weaver. She denied her guilt, but on June 3, 1936, at Jacksonville, Florida, Myrtle Baton was found guilty by a jury. On June 10, 1936 she was sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$1,000.00.

After the death of Fred Barker, Ma Barker and Russell Gibson and the apprehension of other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, Karpis and Campbell in January of 1935 found the ranks of the once powerful mob depleted of gummen who could assist in further depredations, which were considered necessary for the fugitives' existence After their return to Toledo, Ohio in January of 1935, Karpis and Campbell were afforded protection and shelter by the members of the underworld with whom they had been in contact during the more prosperous days of the gang immediately subsequent to the abduction of Mr. Bremer in Cleveland, Ohio, from which place they had so hurriedly departed in September of 1934. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation continued the investigation to locate the remaining fugitives and it was learned that one of the first recruits secured by Karpis and Campbell was Fred Hunter, of Leavittsburg, Ohio. It is not definitely known in what manner Hunter first became acquainted with Karpis and Campbell, but it appears that the acquaintanceship was made through mutual friends at the Harvard Club, Mewburgh Heights, Ohio, who sent Karpis to the Hollyhock Night Club in Warren, Ohio, in March, 1935, where he met Hunter.

Fred Hunter, an ex-convict, was born October 13, 1899 at Warren, Ohio and was one of a family of six children. Hunter had five brothers and one sister. The father of the family, George Hunter, made an unsuccessful effort to raise his children to be law-abiding citizens. Fred Hunter's mother died in 1910 and while the father worked daily as a blacksmith and boilermaker, at least three of his sons began careers of crime. Fred Hunter, as Fred John Henderson, was first arrested by the Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, on June 3, 1920 for carrying a concealed weapon and in lieu of paying a \$200.00 fine and costs he was committed to the Lucas County Jail, Toledo, Ohio, on June 22, 1920, where he served a jail sentence. On October 28, 1922, Hunter was arrested by the Police Department at Akron, Ohio as a fugitive from justice from Warren, Ohio. He was thereafter convicted for larceny and possession of dynamite and on April 17, 1933 was received at the State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio to serve an indeterminate sentence of three to twenty-seven years.

William Hunter, another son of George Hunter, began his criminal career on July 31, 1919 when he burglarized a hardware store at warren, Ohio and stole goods and merchandise valued at \$50.00. He pleaded guilty to this charge; was committed to the State Reformatory, at Mansfield, Ohio. William Hunter thereafter was received at the State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio on June 2, 1928 to serve a one to fifteen year sentence for burglary and larceny. On April 26, 1932 William Hunter was fined \$150.00 and costs at Warren, Ohio for receiving and concealing stolen property. In lieu of paying this fine he served time in the County Jail at Warren, Ohio. On December 19, 1934 William Hunter was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, to serve two years for violation of the Internal Revenue Act.

Another brother, Albert, has also served a sentence at the Ohio State Reformatory, Hansfield, Ohio, for burglary.

Fred Hunter, prior to the time he became associated with Karpis and Campbell, was a gambler and also engaged to some extent in selling gambling paraphernalia. He was also a devotee of cockfighting.

Karpis and Campbell returned to the southwest for a second recruit by the name of John Brock, who came highly recommended due to his extensive criminal record which began on January 16, 1919 when he was received at the State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, to serve a term of three years for grand larceny. The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveal that Brock's second arrest occurred on July 13, 1922 when he was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Hutchinson, Kansas for investigation. He was next arrested on October 1, 1922 as J. C. Creighton by the Sheriff's Office at Enid, Oklahoma, at which place he was arrested for investigation. Brock also was arrested on suspicion by the Sheriff's Office at Pawnee, Oklahoma as J. D. Adams on May 17, 1923. On January 19, 1930 as John Brock he was arrested as a vagrant by the Police Department at Tucson, Arizona and served twenty days in the City Jail. He was likewise arrested as a vagrant by the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 12, 1931 and fined \$19.00 and costs. On October 18, 1931 he was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to serve five years after committing an assault with intent to kill. During the time Brock was confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary he became acquainted with three of the criminals who later became prominent members of the Karpis-Barker gang - "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis and William Weaver.

In March of 1935 Karpis and Campbell proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they contacted George "Burrhead" Keady, well-known associate of thieves and

harborer of criminals. Campbell had previously associated with Keady at the time Campbell was characterized as an oil field petty thief and was committing crimes with Glen Leroy Wright and Jimmie Lawson, who later became well-known criminals in the southwest. This was prior to the time that Campbell graduated to "big time" crime. Keady recommended Brock to Marpis and Campbell as a man of ability and the introduction of Brock to them was consummated on a highway near Tulsa, Oklahoma and Brock agreed to "pull a job" with Karpis and Campbell. Brock was given instructions to meet Karpis and Campbell in Toledo, Ohio, from which place Brock was sent to the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio on an errand for Alvin Karpis. He later rejoined his new associates in Toledo, Ohio and plans were formulated for another crime. In April of 1935 Karpis and Campbell disappeared for several days, leaving Brock in Cleveland. He became apprehensive that some misfortune had occurred to Karpis and Campbell and returned to his home at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On April 24, 1935 a mail truck was robbed at Warren, Ohio by three heavily armed men and \$72,000 in loot, composed of currency and bonds, was obtained by the bandits. Thereafter, two well-known criminals, George Sargent and Anthony Labrizzetta, were identified as two of the participants in the robbery of the mail truck, Sargent and Labrizzetta denied their guilt, but were brought to trial. The jury convicted them after deliberating ten minutes. Each was sentenced to serve twenty-five years in a Federal penitentiary. The court granted Sargent and Labrizzetta a new trial, but they were again convicted at their second trial. Subsequent investigation disclosed that the two convicted men were innocent of the crime and that Karpis and Campbell were the guilty parties.

Marpis and Campbell with new capital planned new crimes and through "Burrhead" Keady, sought to reestablish the Karpis-Barker gang and after the mail robbery they returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma and again contacted Keady and Brock. On September 3, 1935 Keady proceeded to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and met a half-breed Indian by the name of Sam Coker at the prison gates, who on that date was paroled from the institution where he had been serving a thirty-year sentence for bank robbery. It is said that Karpis and Campbell supplied the funds necessary to secure the release of Coker from the penitentiary. Coker was first received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on Narch 17, 1924 to serve a thirty year sentence for bank robbery and he received his first parole from that institution on January 11, 1931 and within a few weeks was returned to the institution as a parole violator. He escaped on February 24, 1931. On May 9, 1931 he was arrested by the Police Department at Saint Joseph, Missouri for investigation and on the 10th of the following month he was arrested by the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma as a fugitive from the State Penitentiary. This arrest occurred at the time Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 10, 1931, charged with a jewel burglary. Coker was not as fortunate as Marpis and Fred Barker, as after this arrest he was returned to Okmulgee, Oklahoma to await trial for the jewel theft.

Although he was not prosecuted for that crime, he was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on June 19, 1931, to complete his sentence for bank robbery. Coker remained confined in the institution until September 3, 1935, when he was again released on parole. Coker, after his release on parole from the penitentiary, proceeded with Keady to the latter's home in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the two of them began celebrating Coker's good fortune by consuming considerable quantities of liquor and two or three weeks thereafter Coker proceeded to Toledo, Ohio and joined Karpis and Campbell.

About the first of November 1935, Fred Hunter returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma and solicited the aid of John Brock in a new criminal venture which was being planned. Brock agreed to participate in the new crime and with Hunter traveled by train from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Cleveland, Ohio, arriving there on or about November 4, 1935. At Cleveland, Ohio Hunter and Brock parted, Hunter proceeding to Youngstown, Ohio, while Brock went to Toledo and registered in a local hotel. However, the following day he was joined at the latter place by Fred Hunter and the two of them proceeded to the Toledo hide—out of Karpis and Campbell, which place was a local house of prostitution.

On the afternoon of November 7, 1935 five bandits armed with two machine guns, a shotgun and automatic pistols held up Erie Train No. 622 at Garrettsville, Ohio, which was en route from Detroit, Michigan to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and there was stolen from the United States Mail 334,000 in currency and several thousand dollars in securities. During the course of the robbery the train crew was intimidated and one of the robbers fired a shot into the mail car. After Special Agents received information concerning the "wild west" manner in which the robbery was perpetrated, the possibility that Karpis and Campbell were responsible for this crime was considered and investigation resulted in the identification of the fugitives wanted in the Bremer kidnaping as being two of the participants in the holdup of the mail train. Special Agents further learned by their investigation that after the robbery, Karpis, Campbell, Hunter, Brock and the fifth member of the bandit gang known as "Sam", retreated to a garage in Port Clinton, Ohio operated by one John Zetzer, an ex-convict. Here the loot was divided and the gang separated, Campbell and "Sam" going to Toledo, Ohio.

Karpis, Brock and Hunter had made elaborate plans for a "getaway". The former methods used by modern bandits in driving long distances in a fast automobile after the commission of a crime were too slow for Karpis, Hunter and Brock, so arrangements had been made through Zetzer, a pilot, for the use of an airplane. Early on the morning of November 8, 1935 the three mail train bandits boarded an airplane near Port Clinton, Ohio and with Zetzer as the pilot, flew to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Karpis and Hunter remained at Hot Springs while Brock returned to his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During the course of the investigation conducted by Special Agents,

it was learned that on October 19, 1935 one Thomas J. Shaw had gone to the Universal Motor Company in Akron, Ohio for the purpose of buying a Ford automobile for cash and after making preliminary arrangements for the purchase of this car, Shaw proceeded to the vicinity of the Portage Hotel, where he was arrested as a suspicious person and approximately three hours later a local gembler called at the Akron Police Department and arranged for the release of Shaw on bond. Thereafter, on October 25, 1935, under the name of Carl Baker, the individual who had previously been arrested as Thomas J. Shaw purchased from the Knowles Brown Motor Company, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a Plymouth sedan. The eyewitnesses to the Garrettsville mail robbery obtained the license number of the automobile used by the bandits at that time and through this it was learned that the Plymouth sedan which had been purchased by Carl Baker was the car used in the robbery.

At the time Thomas J. Shaw was arrested by the Police Department at Akron, Ohio, his fingerprints were forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and they were identified as being identical with Milton Lett, who on November 2, 1930 had been arrested by the Police Department at Wichita, Kansas for vagrancy. The record further disclosed that Lett had been arrested for investigation by the Police Department at Coffeyville, Kansas on February 10, 1931 and on September 3, 1932; that he also had been again arrested by the Police Department at Coffeyville on November 6, 1935 and on November 7, 1935, the date of the mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, Lett was confined in the County Jail at Yates Center, Kansas on a charge of robbery, for which he was not prosecuted. Prior to this time the Federal Bureau of Investigation had information that Nilton Lett was an associate of Harry Campbell and that Lett had also been employed as a shiller at the Harvard Club at Newburgh Heights, Ohio, where members of the gang frequently spent their time.

After Campbell returned to Toledo, Ohio from Port Clinton, Ohio, he continued for the next several months to spend the majority of his time in Toledo. Campbell found refuge with Clara and Ed McGraw at a rooming house operated by them at  $2011\frac{1}{2}$  Adams Street. He also frequented the many taverns located in the vicinity of his place of refuge.

A short time after Karpis and Campbell returned to Toledo, Ohio subsequent to their escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey, Campbell met a girl by the name of Gertrude Billiter at the McGraw rooming house and thereafter, on May 29, 1935, Campbell, under the name of Clarence C. Miller, married Gertrude at Bowling Green, Ohio. Campbell, with his wife, frequented a tavern known as the Goulet's Grill, located at  $2130\frac{1}{2}$  Nonroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. Campbell also had as a companion at Goulet's Grill and other taverns in Toledo, Ohio and vicinity, the Sheriff of Lucas County, James O'Reilly. After the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, Campbell returned to these associates. Sam Coker, at the time of the robbery of the train was ill in a

hospital in Toledo, which prevented him from being a participant in that crime. He however, continued his association with Campbell at Toledo, Chio after the successful consummation of that robbery.

While Campbell was spending his time in Toledo, Ohio, Karpis and Hunter were enjoying the pleasures of the health resort at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Karpis also made a trip to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he engaged in his favorite pastime of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. He also made a trip to the west coast of Florida for a similar purpose. Karpis after his retreat to Hot Springs, Arkansas also made infrequent trips to Cleveland, Toledo and Canton, Ohio.

On the afternoon of May 1, 1936, through investigative efforts of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was determined that Alvin Marpis, with Fred Hunter, and his woman, Connie Morris, were located in Apartment 1, 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, where Hunter maintained a residence under the name of Ed O'Hara. The apartment building in which Karpis and the others were located was surrounded by Special Agents at approximately 5:30 P.M. on May 1, 1936 and as the Special Agents were about to enter the fugitive's apartment building, Karpis and Hunter emerged, with the intention of entering a Plynouth coupe which was parked in front of the building. Special Agents commanded Karpis and Hunter to surrender and they complied peacefully. Subsequent to the apprehension of Karpis, it was learned he had maintained an apartment at 3300 Saint Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana and it was further learned that the raid on the apartment on Canal Street was timely, as Karpis claimed he was making preparations to go on another fishing trip. A search of the Plymouth coupe and the apartment in which Karpis and Hunter had been located revealed that Hunter and Karpis had been prepared to resist arrest if the opportunity was presented, as there were found a rifle, two .45 caliber automatic pistols and a .380 caliber pistol. Later, a Terraplane coupe, which had been used by Karpis, was located and it was found to contain a .22 caliber rifle, a .22 caliber automatic pistol and a .45 Colt automatic pistol. After the capture of Karpis, he was immediately removed to St. Paul, Minnesota and committed to the Ramsey County Jail in default of one half a million dollar bond, to await trial. Hunter was committed to the Federal Jail at New Orleans, Louisiana, to await prosecution on the charge of harboring Karpis.

The investigation was continued by Special Agents at Toledo, Ohio for the purpose of locating Harry Campbell and it was learned that Campbell, under the name of G. Hiller, was residing in Apartment 1, 2132 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. It was further ascertained that Campbell was known in the vicinity as Robert or Bob Hiller. At daybreak on May 7, 1936, Special Agents conducted a raid on this apartment and there apprehended Harry Campbell. A

search of the apartment revealed that Campbell had concealed under a pillow on the bed in the room in which he was apprehended, a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol which he did not have an opportunity to use.

On the same morning, Sam Coker was taken into custody by Special Agents in a private home a few blocks away from where Harry Campbell had been residing. Harry Campbell was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was committed to the Ramsey County Jail in default of a \$200,000 bond, to await the disposition of his case, while Sam Coker was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma on May 9, 1936 to complete his unexpired term for bank robbery. Harry Campbell did not elect to stand trial for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer and on May 12, 1936 he entered a plea of guilty at St. Paul, Minnesota and on the same date was sentenced to serve life imprisonment.

Fred Hunter, after being indicted at New Orleans, Louisiana on May 27, 1936, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of harboring Alvin Karpis and was sentenced to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

On July 27, 1936 Alvin Karpis entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him with the kidnaping of william A. Hamm, Jr. and he received a life sentence. Karpis and Campbell were temporarily committed to the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and on August 3, 1936 were transferred to the island prison at Alcatraz, California, to remain there the rest of their lives.

During the course of the investigation to apprehend the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, Special agents learned that William J. Harrison, who had been closely associated with the mob, had unwittingly communicated to other associates of the gang who were not in the inner circle certain information which it was felt should not have been divulged. Using a ruse, Harrison on the night of January 5, 1935 was lured by some of his companions to an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontarioville, Illinois. When he entered the barn, in the hope of effecting his mission, he was shot to death by several of his erstwhile associates. His body was then soaked with gasoline, placed in an appropriate position and the barn set on fire. The structure was completely demolished. On January 6, 1935 the charred outline of an apparently unidentified body of a human being was observed in the smoldering embers. The Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois made a search for identifying items left at the scene of the crime and an Elgin wrist watch and a gold linked bracelet were found beside the body. There was also found what remained of a pair of octagon shaped eyeglasses. In addition thereto, there were found a five gallon gasoline can and a crank for a Model A Ford automobile.

During the last days of August, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal

Bureau of Investigation ascertained definitely that Harrison had been murdered by certain of his companions and that his body had been burned in an old barn to prevent identification. Special Agents secured from the Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois pertinent data concerning the wrist watch which had been found near the corpse. Systematic inquiry in the vicinity of Hammond, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois where Harrison had spent considerable time, disclosed that on August 21, 1933 Harrison had a wrist watch repaired by a jeweler friend in Hammond, Indiana. The jeweler had scratched his repair number, C-633, on the inside of the case and this entry appeared on the case of the Elgin watch which had been found by the unidentified corpse at Ontarioville, Illinois on January 6, 1935.

The finding of the body of William J. Harrison gave significance to the letter which had been found at Oklawaha, Florida written by "Doc" Barker to his brother Fred and in which it was stated "I took care of that buisness for you Boys it was done Just as good as if you had did it your self.

As for Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Special Agents ascertained that he was last seen, according to the best information available, at the Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio, during the latter part of July, 1934. Dr. Moran had been at the club with "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson and other members of the gang and became quite intoxicated. His associates tried to quiet him and it is alleged that Dr. Moran made the remark "I have you guys in the palms of my hands." This statement apparently was the signing of his death warrant. He left the club with two of the gang and did not return. The present whereabouts of Dr. Moran is best determined by a remark Fred Barker made to a member of the mob - "Doc will do no more operating. The fishes probably have eat him up by now.

## Harboring Charges Resulting From The Bremer Kidnaping Case

Following the release of Edward George Bremer, various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, and in the fall of 1934 moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they frequented the notorious Harvard Club, a gambling rendezvous. The Harvard Club was ascertained to be under the supervision of Arthur W. Hebebrand, the Club being located in Newburg Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

Investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation developed that the Harvard Club was operated in open defiance of the law; that many of the employees had criminal records, and a great number of the patrons of the Club were underworld characters. The place was so notorious that the operators were able, on January 11, 1936, to openly defy a raiding party comprised of the prosecuting attorney of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and special deputies when an attempt was made to raid this gambling center. On this occasion the raiding party was threatened with death by machine gun fire and was thus held at bay until all of the gambling equipment had been moved from the rear end of the Club. The Club was closed for a few weeks, but reopened in a new location a short distance away, where thereafter, it did a flourishing business.

In September, 1934, the presence of the Barker-Karpis gang in Cleveland, Ohio, was discovered but the male members of the gang were successful in eluding arrest. However, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell later reappeared in Cleveland, Chio, during February of 1935, following their escape from police officers in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Upon their arrival in Cleveland, they began associating with Arthur W. Hebebrand and continued this association until some time in November, 1935. Of course, during the time that they were frequenting the Harvard Club, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were considered among the most wanted fugitives in the United States. Hebebrand, though cognizant of the criminal records of these individuals, permitted Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and also Fred Barker to visit the Harvard Club and gamble at any time they so desired. He also assisted these criminals in renting a house in Cleveland where they might remain in hiding. Investigation established that the house rented by Alvin Karpis was rented under the name of H. G. Milgreth. It further appeared that Hebebrand assisted these criminals by purchasing clothing for them during the daytime in order that their presence in Cleveland might not be detected.

Concerning the personal history of Hebebrand, investigation established that he was of German descent, born in Cleveland, Chio, on March 30, 1897, and was 40 years of age at the time of his association with these convicts. In his earlier youth, he learned the carpenter trade and subsequently entered the building and real estate business in Cleveland, Ohio. In this capacity he rose to a position of some importance in Cleveland and it was while conducting his real estate business that he and others opened the Harvard Club in Newburg Heights. Hebebrand and his wife, Alice, resided in a very moderate home at 21256 Morewood Parkway in Rocky River, Ohio, which is a suburb of Cleveland. The Hebebrands ostensibly lived happily at their home with two small adopted children.

The files of the FBI disclose that Hebebrand was arrested by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department on April 1, 1929, on a charge of manslaughter. The record reflects that this arrest was quashed on May 7, 1929, when a Molle Prosequi was entered; that he was arrested also by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department in January 1936, charged with operating a gambling establishment for which he was fined \$500 and costs and sentenced to serve 30 days in the Cuyahoga County Jail in Cleveland.

When the Harvard Club became known to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was established that John Francis "Sharkey" Gorman was also a trusted employee of this Club and worked in close association with Arthur Hebebrand. Gorman acted as messenger for Hebebrand and also for Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis during which time he was well aware of their criminal record and that they were wanted for kidnaping by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. John Gorman, who was known by his close associates as "Sharkey", was 36 years of age at that time, having been born in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 13, 1901. He was married and resided with his wife at 6202 Franklin Boulevard in Cleveland.

Though the Identification Division of the FBI failed to disclose a prior criminal record concerning Gorman, investigation established that in 1924 he served 75 days in a workhouse at Dayton, Ohio, on a charge of violation of the Hational Prohibition Act. The records in the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department also show that Gorman had been arrested on several occasions for fighting and for investigation charges.

As the association of Hebebrand and Gorman with members of the Barker-Karpis gang was definitely established through their own admissions to the effect that they knew these individuals were wanted by law enforcement officers, both were arrested by Special Agents and were indicted at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, by a Federal Grand Jury in three counts charging them with being accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Bremer; also, for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Marry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government in this kidnaping. On June 30, 1937, in the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, both Hebebrand and Gorman entered pleas of guilty to the entire indictment, and on the same date Hebebrand was sentenced to serve two years in a United States Federal penitentiary and fined \$1,000. Gorman was also sentenced, on June 30th, to serve three years in a United States penitentiary and fined \$1,000.

## The Strange Death of Arthur E. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker

Following the imposition of a life sentence on Arthur E. Barker on May 17, 1935, at St. Paul, Minnesota, Farker was received at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Mansas, on May 25, 1935, to start serving his life sentence. However, on October 23, 1935, he was transferred to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, arriving there on October 26, where he was thereafter confined. During the course of Barker's con-

finement at Alcatraz, he was known to be one of the worst troublemakers and agitators ever to be had on the "rock." he was continually quarreling and fighting and on October 30, 1933, was placed in solitary confinement for engaging in a fist fight. He was removed from solitary confinement on November 8, 1938, and thereafter confined in an isolation block.

On January 13, 1939, the San Francisco Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified that five men had escaped from the cell house at Alcatraz, the identities of whom were established to be Arthur E. "Doc" Parker, Dale Stamphill, Rufus McCain, Henry Young and William Martin. It was noted, at the time of the escape, there was a very bad fog on Alcatraz Island and in the vicinity of San Francisco area. It was noted that this was one of the foggiest nights of that year and newspapers carried several stories of boats running aground due to the poor visibility. One of the prison guards, in making a routine check at about 3:37 A. M. on that date, noticed the bars cut in the cell assigned to Dale Stamphill. He immediately gave an alarm and a further check was made of the isolation cells in the D block. This disclosed that five men were missing, the identities of whom are above stated. All cells were found to have been cut, and the window opposite the cell of Young had a portion of the bar removed, sufficient to enable a person to squeeze through to the cutside.

After getting through the window, the prisoners dropped approximately eight feet to the ground and thereafter apparently escaped down the steep grade lawns and shrubbery incediately adjacent to the building on the Golden Gate side of the island. Immediate alarms were sounded and due consideration was given to the apprehension of these notorious criminals, all of whom have lengthy criminal records in the files of the FBI in Washington, D. C. Barker and Stamphill were first sighted in a cove almost directly beneath the road guard tower on the side of the island facing San Francisco. Both men resisted arrest and were fired upon by prison guards and seriously wounded. Young, McCain and Martin surrendered without resistance, the latter of whom was successfully saved from drowning when he was found trying to swim to freedom. The apprehensions were effected and the return of all prisoners was completed before 5:30 A. M., on the same date, by prison officials.

Investigation established that all five individuals had endeavored to construct a raft of driftwood, lumber and other available material, using clothes and strips of sheets to bind the raft together. Investigation further established that due to the concerted efforts of these notorious criminals, it had taken them approximately one month of detailed planning to perfect their means of escape and that each of the five prisoners had worked on the bars in his respective cell, when time would allow, during the night and day. It was likewise learned that the escape was planned by "Doc" Barker and though it had been ready for at least a month, their only reason for waiting was for the right foggy night to appear. It was ascertained that the saws and screw-jack, the implements used by the prisoners, were smuggled into the isolation ward many weeks before by Stamphill, who later committed a violation of prison rules expressly so he might be placed in the isolation ward into

which he had already smuggled the tools to be used in effecting the escape. The saw blades went through prisoner inspection in view of the fact that they had been glued into musical instruments believed to be mouth harps. Following the use of the blades, they were thrown in the lavatories to avoid being found.

"Doc" Barker died on the evening of January 13, 1939, in the prison hospital at Alcatraz. It was later learned after he was apprehended, Barker, while lying on his deathbed, exclaimed to one of the guards, "I am crazy as Hell. I should never have tried it." This fateful day truly proved to be unlucky for "Doc" Barker as it was in fact Friday, the thirteenth.

Three of Barker's associates in this prison escape were well known to Special Agents of the FBI through previous crimes in which they had been sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dale Stamphill was found guilty of kidnaping and bank robbery on October 26, 1937, in the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and on the same day was sentenced to serve the rest of his natural life in a United States penitentiary with the recommendation that he be incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary of Alcatraz Island, California. This individual escaped from the Oklahoma State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, on February 17, 1935, with other inmates after killing a guard of that reformatory in making their escape. Subsequently, on February 27, 1935, Stamphill with two other inmates, robbed the First National Bank at Seiling, Oklahoma, with the use of firearms and in order to avoid apprehension kidnaped Dr. Fred Lewis Myers and transported him in his automobile in interstate commerce from Leedy, Oklahoma, to Glazier, Texas.

Henry Young, on December 29, 1934, entered a plea of guilty to an indictment returned against him on December 19, 1934, charging him with the robbery of the First National Bank at Lind, washington. On December 29, 1934, he was sentenced to serve a term of 20 years in the custody of the Attorney General on each of two counts to run concurrently. At the time of sentence the court recommended the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, as the place of incarceration for this sentence. This individual had been paroled from the Washington State Penitentiary on October 12, 1934, and was on parole at the time of the commission of this bank robbery.

On May 30, 1935, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, an indictment was returned charging Rufus Roy McCain with the robbery of the Idabel National Bank, Idabel, Oklahoma, on May 15, 1934, in three counts and with the violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft act in two counts. On June 11, 1935, McCain was sentenced on the bank robbery indictment to 20 years on the first count, 25 years on the second count, and 99 years on the third and last count. He was fined \$100 on each of these counts, and on the National Motor Vehicle Theft act indictment, was sentenced to serve five years on each of the two counts, all sentences to run concurrently. McCain was serving these sentences at Alcatraz at the time of his attempted break.

The last of Barker's associates in this undertaking was William Martin, alias Martin Tyree, colored, who was received at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, March 16, 1937, to serve 25 years for the post office assault and armed robbery.

## Harboring Charges at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Resulting From the Kidnaping of Edward George Bremer

During the course of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of the FBI regarding the abduction of Mr. Eremer, it was learned that members of the Karpis-Barker gang spent many months in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, but as their presence in those localities was becoming known to individuals other than their own associates, they began to lock for a new hiding place. They then learned through their contact with other underworld characters that Hot Springs, Arkansas, would be an ideal retreat. Of course, after the members of the gang had shared the \$200,000 ransom money collected from the Bremer family, they spent it freely in drinking, vice and gambling.

In June, 1935, Alvin Karpis, together with Fred Hunter, moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, residing in cottages on the various lakes nearby, at which time they were in daily contact with houses of prostitution operated in Hot Springs by Jewell LaVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein. Grace Goldstein, by which name she was commonly known, became the constant companion of Alvin Karpis and one of her prostitutes, Ruth Hamm Robsion, alias Connie Morris, associated herself with Fred Hunter. They were visited in their rendezvous in Hot Springs, by Harry Campbell and others of the gang from time to time, and they all moved about freely in Hot Springs without any apparent fear of arrest. The association of Karpis and Hunter with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris continued almost uninterruptedly until the apprehension of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agents of the FBI on May 1, 1936.

The Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department was found to be operated in a very lax manner under the leadership of Joseph Wakelin, the Chief of Police. Trusted associates of Chief Wakelin, in operating the Hot Springs Police Department were Herbert "Dutch" Akers, the Chief of Detectives, Cecil Brock, Lieutenant in Charge of the Identification Division, and Garnett A. Moore, a duly appointed police officer. During the course of the investigation to locate members of the Karpis-Barker gang, it was determined that as early as April, 1934, Special Agents of the FBI, distributed from time to time wanted notices for Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Sawyer, and wanted fugitives to the Hot Springs Police Department. It was further disclosed that one of these wanted notices was tacked on a door in the City Jail in such a manner that it was in full view of all officers employed in the Police Department and since it was directly located in front of the Police Department mailbox, all officers naturally had ample opportunity to see it when getting their mail. This wanted notice was found to have been on this door for at least a year until it had turned yellow with age. Of course, in addition, all newspapers in Hot Springs carried press releases concerning these criminals as a result of which it was common knowledge that they were badly wanted by the Government.

When Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter first went to Hot Springs, they contacted Morris Loftis and Mrs. Al C. Dyer and rented a cottage from them at what was known as Dyer's Landing where they remained, entirely unmolested, though it was later determined both Loftis and Mrs. Dyer knew the identity of Karpis and Hunter. Subsequently, through their own statements, they admitted having told Karpis and Hunter in December, 1935, of the details of an investigation conducted by Agents of the FBI at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the preceding month of October, for the purpose of locating and apprehending members of that gang. It was also established by investigation that members of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department were aware of the identity of Alvin Karpis and were visitors at the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein in Hot Springs. Herbert "Dutch" Akers was observed on one occasion in direct conversation with Alvin Karpis, and Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin had almost nightly clandestine meetings with Grace Goldstein during the time Karpis and Hunter resided in Hot Springs. During this time none of the officers of the Hot Springs Police Department made any effort to apprehend either Karpis or Hunter or made any overtures to notify the local field offices of the FBI as to their presence in that locality.

Investigation also established that, on April 25, 1935, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Harry Campbell and another unknown person robbed a mail truck at Marren, Ohio, obtaining \$72,000 in loot. Following the perpetration of this robbery, Karpis and Hunter immediately proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to "cool off." For many years prior to that time, of course, Hot Springs had attained a national reputation as a place of refuge and retreat for badly wanted criminals who desired seclusion from arrest or discovery.

In June, 1935, Grace Coldstein was operating a house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, and was generally considered the paramour of Chief of Police Joseph Makelin. However, upon the arrival of Karpis in Hot Springs, he spent most of his time in her company, residing at various residences until March 26, 1936. During this time, of course, she knew his true identity but refused to provide any information to the FBI as to his whereabouts. Grace Goldstein later admitted that she had rented various places of residence for Karpis and was acquainted with the fact that during this time he was engaged in various criminal enterprises. She likewise arranged for a hideout for Karpis where he might come immediately after he and Fred Hunter had robbed a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, at which robbery Karpis and Hunter obtained \$34,000. There was also some indication that Grace Goldstein obtained some \$10,000 worth of bonds which was part of this loot; however, she consistently refused to admit this or advise the location of these bonds.

Concerning the personal history of Grace Goldstein, it was ascertained that she had operated a house of prostitution since approximately 17 years of age. She first operated in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she married Paul Gazen. She moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, some time in 1930 where she thereafter operated houses of prostitution at various places in that vicinity.

Grace Goldstein was born and raised in the vicinity of Blossom, Texas. At the time of her association with this group of criminals, she was approximately 32 years of age. She subsequently obtained a divorce from her first husband, Paul Gazen, but no children resulted from their marriage. The mother of Grace Goldstein, together with three sisters and three brothers, all resided on farms in the vicinity of Blossom, Texas. All relatives of Grace Goldstein were poor and had a difficult time in making a living. The Identification Division of the FBI does not reflect a prior criminal record, though by her own statements she admitted having been arrested on numerous occasions at New Orleans, Louisiana, for various offenses connected with her engaging in prostitution in that city. She was determined to be a vicious type of criminal who had no fear of law or of any punishment which might be meted out to her.

During the fall of 1935, Grace Goldstein persuaded her own niece, Margaret Thompson, to leave her home in Blossom, Texas, and thereafter transported her to Mot Springs, Arkansas where she induced the girl to engage in prostitution. She likewise openly bragged of the fact that she was closely connected with the Hot Springs Police Department and advised that she would be notified of any investigation conducted by the FBI or any other outside law enforcement agency, stating she could obtain this information from officers of that Police Department. Investigation also established that Grace Goldstein was proud of her association with outstanding criminals and gloated over any newspaper publicity which concerned her connection with Alvin Karpis.

During the time Alvin Karpis was associating with Grace Goldstein, Fred Hunter immediately took up with Connie Morris who was working for Grace Goldstein as a prostitute. Connie Morris was ascertained to be 21 years of age at that time. She was born November 25, 1916 at Davidson, Oklahoma, and was one of nine children. She received an eighth grade education and left school at the the age of 15 to marry; however, the marriage lasted only one year, when she left her husband without taking the trouble to procure a divorce. In March 1936, Connie Morris learned definitely that Special Agents of the FBI were seeking Karpis and Hunter; and, thereupon, fled with them from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, Biloxi, hississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and was with Karpis at the time of his arrest in New Orleans on May 1, 1936. During this same period of time, investigation established that John Stover, operator of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Lunicipal Airport, flew Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, together with their female companions who in this instance were Grace Goldstein and Commie Morris, to various sections of the country and otherwise assisted them in avoiding detection and apprehension. At the time of Karpis' apprehension in New Orleans on May 1, Connie Morris, though detained for a short time, was released as her harboring activities at that time were not known.

Ostensibly as a means of cooperation, it was not until the late afternoon of October 5, 1935, that Herbert "Dutch" Akers telephoned the Little Rock Field Office of the FBI to advise that he had some information concerning some suspicious men who had been staying at Lake Hamilton, one of whom he thought possibly might be Alvin Karpis. That night and the following day Special Agents

made an investigation at Dyer's Landing only to learn that Karpis and some companion had lived at that place but had hurriedly left prior to the time that Akers had notified the FBI of this information. He did not stay away from his hiding place very long for it was developed that on February 7, 1936, Karpis rented the home of Mr. E. E. Moodcock on Halvern Road, near Lake Catherine, a short distance from Hot Springs, Arkansas, Karpis using the name of Wood. While residing there, Karpis made several trips out of the State in the next month or so; however, while in Hot Springs, he lived in the Woodcock home with Grace Goldstein. This couple was subsequently joined by Fred Hunter and his companion, Connie Morris, on March 12, 1936, after the latter two had returned from an extended trip, the exact place of which was unknown.

With reference to Joseph Wakelin, Chief of Police, it was noted that on October 13, 1935, several Hot Springs newspapers carried the story that Federal Agents were seeking Alvin Karpis at a cottage on Lake Hamilton but had found he had left. As a means of coverup, Joseph Wakelin issued a statement to the press on the following day that the man living on Lake Hamilton, who was thought to have been Karpis, was not Karpis but, in fact, a "doctor" from the Bast. In checking other possible harboring actions on the part of Wakelin, it was established that he loaned Grace Goldstein a set of his auto license places, knowing that she would place them on her Buick coupe in making a trip to Texas, and further that Marpis wouldaccompany her. During this time it was established that Cecil Brock, who was Chief of the Identification Division of the Not Springs Police Department, was closely connected with Wakelin; that he knew of Wakelin's dealings with Grace Goldstein; further, that she was associating with Alvin Karpis. Cecil Brock therefore knowing this obtained the license plates from Grace Goldstein's car after she had completed the trip to Texas and returned the license plates to Chief Wakelin pursuant to Wakelin's request.

Mith reference to John Stover, the operator of the Lunicipal Airport, Hot Springs, it appears that on December 10, 1935, knowing the identity of Alvin Karpis and that Karpis was wanted by the Federal Government, he drove Karpis and Hunter from the Municipal Airport to downtown Hot Springs and generally assisted them in many trips taken in that locality. Investigation disclosed that he flew Hunter and Connie Norris to San Antonio, Texas, on November 12, 1935; further, that he flew them on several trips between Hot Springs and Youngstown, Ohio; also Canton, Ohio, during January of 1936. Karpis and Goldstein were on many of these trips. Investigation established that as early as June 20, 1935, Stover flew Fred Hunter to Tulsa, Oklahoma. On January 21, 1936, after flying Karpis and Goldstein from Canton, Ohio, to the vicinity of Benton, Arkansas, where Stover made a forced landing, he accompanied Karpis and Grace Goldstein to the Hot Springs Municipal Airport and then drove them to 124 Clubb Street, where Karpis and Grace Goldstein were then residing.

To further illustrate the laxness by which the Hot Springs, arkansas, Police Department operated, the case involving Thomas Nathan Norris is of equal interest. Norris was one of the robbers of the Palmetto State Bank, Lake City, South Carolina, which was robbed on September 4, 1934, of \$\infty\$114,000. The robbery of this bank at that time did not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. However, on May 8, 1936, a complaint was filed at Charleston, South Carolina, charging Norris with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for this crime. On November 13, 1936, complaints were filed at Fort Worth, Texas, charging Norris and others for violation of this statute as a result of three armed robbery burglaries perpetrated at Fort Worth, during October of that year.

Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the FBI in connection with this group of criminals established that Norris and his associates Sam Stedal Haynes, Alfred "Sonny" Lamb, and Goldie H. Harriston, were harbored by Akers at Hot Springs from March 15, 1937, to August 10, 1937. Confronted with the evidence gathered, Akers admitted to Special Agents his guilt in connection with this violation of the Federal Marboring Statute. It is significant to note that Morris and his associates comprised a gang which committed numerous crimes of violence in the Southwest while being protected by Akers at Hot Springs. These crimes included armed robberies and one case of wilful murder.

With further reference to Herbert Akers, it was established that Bella May Jeffries, alias "Ginger" Morgan, during December, 1935, personally told Akers that Karpis was living with Grace Goldstein for several months and that Karpis had been frequenting the Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs. Despite his knowledge of this Akers did not advise the FBI of his suspicion of Alvin Karpis until March 28, 1936, which was almost four months after Bella May Jeffries apprized "Dutch" Akers of this information.

On May 4, 1937, Mrs. Al C. Dyer, owner, and Morris Loftis, the caretaker at Dyer's Landing, were reinterviewed by Special Agents, and when confronted with the evidence then obtained, admitted that Karpis and Hunter were residing in a cottage at this place from August 21, 1935, to October 3rd and 5th, 1935; that during this time Karpis had on one occasion, in confidence, informed them that "Dutch" Akers was a good friend of his. They also admitted that Karpis, Hunter, and Grace Goldstein visited with them several times after the FBI had first made an examination of the Karpis cottage at Dyer's Landing early in 1935, and found the cottage empty.

In view of the evidence gathered and upon authority of the United States Attorney at Hot Springs, Special Agents of the FBI swore to a complaint charging Joseph Wakelin, Herbert Akers, Cecil Brock, John Stover, Morris Loftis, Mrs. Al C. Dyer, Grace Goldstein, and Connie Morris with conspiracy to violate the Federal Harboring Statute. On May 16, 1938, the Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas, returned true bills of indictment against all parties charging them for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis. On the following night, May 17th, Wakelin, Akers, Brock, Stover,

Loftis and Mrs. Dyer were arrested at Mot Springs, Arkansas, by Special Agents of the FBI. In addition to the individuals above-named, the Federal Grand Jury also returned true bills of indictment as to Jewell LaVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, and Ruth Hamm Robsion, alias Connie Morris, on the same charge. Akers and Wakelin were released on \$10,000 bond after their arrest and John Stover, Mrs. Dyer, and Morris Loftis were released on \$5,000 bond on May 18, 1938. Cecil Brock was released on \$5,000 bond on May 19, 1938.

Though Commie Morris was released following her arrest with Karpis in New Orleans, on May 1, 1936, her previous dealings with this notorious criminal and the assistance she had given him were soon disclosed. As a result, an intensive investigation was initiated by the FBI to locate her in connection with this charge. Connie Morris was apprehended by Special Agents of the FBI acting in close cooperation with detectives of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department at a house of prostitution in St. Louis, on the early morning of May 18, 1938. At the time of her arrest, she orally admitted she had associated with Karpis and Hunter for approximately one year prior to the time she was apprehended in company with Karpis at New Orleans. In appearing before United States Commissioner at St. Louis, she entered a plea of not guilty and in default of the \$10,000 bond, was committed to the City Jail. However, on the following day, she was successful in raising bond and was released. On May 26, 1938, she appeared before the United States Commissioner in St. Louis and posted \$10,000 bond for her appearance in Federal Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 17, 1938.

On May 18, 1938, Herbert Akers was separately indicted in Federal Court, Little Rock, Arkansas, for harboring Thomas Nathan Norris. On the same date, a separate indictment was also returned against Grace Goldstein for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, this indictment being in connection with her bringing Margaret Thompson, her niece, from Texas to Arkansas to engage in prostitution. On the latter indictment, she was found guilty by a jury on December 3, 1938, and sentenced to serve 5 years in a Federal penitentiary, which sentence was to run consecutively with the sentence imposed for harboring Karpis.

Concerning the apprehension of Jewell LaVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, investigation by the FBI developed the information that she was contemplating making a trip to Honolula and that she might board a ship either at Los Angeles, San Francisco, California, or Vancouver, British Columbia. Appropriate safeguards were properly enacted in all of those localities by Special Agents. However, on May 18, 1938, at Los Angeles, California, it was determined that a woman giving the name of Jewell L. Grayson had appeared at the Matson Navigation Company for tentative arrangements to purchase transportation to Honolulu on the S. S. "Matsonia" sailing at noon on May 20, 1938. Her place of residence was soon determined and on May 18th, she was taken into custody by Special Agents of the FBI at which time she was promptly notified that she had been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for harboring. At the time of her apprehension, she readily admitted her association with Alvin Karpis and others involved in this case.

On May 19, 1938, Grace Goldstein was arraigned before United States' Commissioner, waived removal, and her bond set at \$10,000. On May 23, 1938, she was ordered removed to the Eastern District of Arkansas. Upon her arrival in Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 4, 1938, she was ordered placed under bond of \$10,000 on the indictment for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, and \$5,000 on the bond charging her with violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. She made her bond and was released on June 13th.

On May 31, 1938, Joseph Wakelin, Herbert Akers, Cecil Brock, John Stover, Morris Loftis and Mrs. Al C. Dyer were arraigned in United States District Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, and each of the defendants entered a plea of not guilty to the conspiracy indictment.

Ruth Hamm Robsion, alias Connie Norris, on June 23, 1938, following her removal to Little Rock, Arkansas, entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court, on which day she was sentenced to serve one year and one day in a Federal penitentiary.

The defendants in this case went on trial in the United States District Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 18, 1938. Upon completion of the Government's case, on October 26th, verdicts of not guilty were directed by the court for Mrs. Al C. Dyer, Morris Loftis and John Stover. Verdicts of guilty were returned against Joseph Wakelin, Herbert Akers, Cecil Brock, and Grace Goldstein on October 29, 1938. Each of the defendants was sentenced on the same date to two years in a Federal penitentiary. Bonds were denied for all individuals and the defendants were remanded to the Pulaski County Jail in Little Rock, Arkansas.

On December 6, 1938, Akers was sentenced in Federal court at Little Rock, Arkansas, for harboring Norris, at which time he received an additional two-year sentence which was to run consecutively with the above sentence for harboring Karpis.

During her trial in this case, Grace Goldstein attempted to intimidate various witnesses who had been subpoensed to testify in behalf of the Government. As a result of this intimidation, the court revoked her bond for the remainder of the trial and she was placed in the custody of the United States Marshal.

The following personal history was developed concerning Joseph Wakelin, the deposed Chief of Police convicted in this case. Wakelin was born at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on May 21, 1876, where he attended school completing the 7th or 8th grades. He was an American citizen, married, and the father of one son who is married. Wakelin engaged in law enforcement work practically all of his adult life with experience in private detective work at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as well as being connected with the Sheriff's Office and Police Department. He was appointed Chief of Police of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department in April, 1927, and held the job continuously until January 1, 1937.

The files of the FBI fail to disclose a prior criminal record for Joseph Wakelin.

Concerning the personal history of Herbert Akers, the files of the FBI fail to disclose a prior criminal record concerning this individual. So far as is known, he always resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Herbert Akers, as Chief of Detectives in Hot Springs, Arkansas, became nationally known to outstanding criminals as a police officer who could be bought and one who would be entirely willing to harbor and protect any criminal upon the payment of money. Nationally known confidence men spoke of Herbert Akers as a man through whom protection could be arranged, and Akers himself admitted he knew hundreds of outstanding confidence men throughout the country. He further admitted he had protected various criminals in the past and he had accepted a percentage obtained by confidence men from victims through the operation of confidence games in Hot Springs, Arkansas. During the various investigations conducted by the FBI, it was learned that Herbert Akers and Joseph Wakelin were engaged in the wholesale stealing and subsequent disposal of automobiles with various underworld characters. In addition, Akers admitted a practice to deal in various items of stolen property which allegedly came into his possession, either in the way of bribes or through illegal confiscation of the property of prisoners in his custody. In his later years with the Department, Akers became known as one of the most notoriously dishonest law enforcement officers in the United States.

The personal history of Cecil Brock developed that he was 34 years of age at the time of his arrest, was single, having been divorced from his former wife several years previously. He married his former wife when he was 19 years of age and had one child. The child thereafter resided with its mother in Hot Springs. Brock was born at Nashville, Arkansas, on January 16, 1904, and received a grammar school education at Paris, Texas, Nashville and Hot Springs, Arkansas, which extended to approximately the eighth grade. He resided in Hot Springs since 1922 and was employed for a period of about 12 years by the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department as Lieutenant of Police in charge of the Bureau of Identification. After his release from the Police Department on January 2, 1937, he was engaged as house detective in the Eastman Hotel. For a short time thereafter, he was engaged in private detective work.

During the investigation conducted at Hot Springs, evidence was obtained that Brock had been engaged in various enterprises for some years, it being indicated that he and other members of the Police Department had frequently shaken down criminals who visited Hot Springs for the purpose of obtaining a place where they would be safe from arrest. During the investigation of this case, Brock was interviewed on numerous occasions but denied being implicated in the harboring of Alvin Karpis and he refused time and again to provide any information that would be helpful in the investigation to locate members of the Karpis-Barker gang. With further reference to Brock, the work conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, developed information

concerning the death of one John Dickson who was beaten to death while incarcerated in the Hot Springs City Jail on December 24, 1936. As a result of a Grand Jury investigation in Hot Springs and a subsequent investigation by the Arkansas State Legislature, it was developed that John Dickson was brutally beaten, cut, kicked, and tortured by certain Hot Springs police officers after his arrest and after he was placed in the Hot Springs City Jail. The investigation conducted by the FBI in connection with the harboring charges against Brock and others was successful in producing positive evidence of the fact that Cecil Brock was one of three police officers responsible for the brutal beating administered to John Dickson which resulted in his death on December 29, 1936.

#### RECAPITULATION

Twenty-five (25) persons have been convicted in connection with the abduction of Edward George Bremer and the following sentences have been imposed:

6 Life 100 Years and 1 Day

4 \$1,000 fines

3 persons killed while resisting arrest

3 persons murdered

The following persons were convicted:

Harold Alderton Arthur E. Barker (killed on 1-13-39 when to escape from Alcatraz		6-7-35 5-17-35
	Life	5-17-35
Bryan Bolton	3 years	8-25-36
(to be served concurrent)	ly with a	
similar sentence imposed	d in connec-	
tion with the abduction	of William A.	
Hamm, Jr.)		
Wynona Burdette	5 years	3-25-35
Harry Campbell	Life	5-12-36
Volney Davis	Life	6-7-35
Dolores Delaney	5 years	3-25-35
Myrtle Eaton	6 months and	
	\$1,000 fine	6-10-36
Elmer Farmer	20 years	6-7-35
Fred Hunter	2 years	5-27-36
Cassius McDonald	15 years	2-1-36
John J. McLaughlin, Sr. (Died in prison)	5 years	6-7-35

Harry Sawyer	Life	1-24-36
Harry C. Stanley	6 months and \$1,000 fine	3-12-35
Mary Stanley	5 years	
	(suspended)	3-12-35
William Weaver	Life	1-24-36
James J. Wilson	5 years	6-7-35

The following persons were killed while resisting arrest:

Fred Barker	1-16-35
Kate Barker	1-16-35
Russell Gibson	1-8-35

The following persons were murdered by their own associates:

William J. Harrison - killed 1-5-35 identified 9-6-35 Fred Goetz - killed 3-20-34

Dr. Joseph P. Moran disappeared the latter part of July, 1934, at Toledo, Ohio, and his whereabouts since that date has been unknown. It is believed that he was murdered by his own associates.

The following persons were convicted for harboring Alvin Karpis and members of the Barker-Karpis gang:

Arthur W. Hebebrand	2 years and	
	\$1,000 fine	6-30-37
John Francis Gorman	3 years and	
	\$1,000 fine	6-30-37
Herbert Akers	2 years	10-29-38
Joseph Wakelin	2 years	10-29-38
Cecil Brock	2 years	10-29-38
Jewell LaVerne Grays	on 2 years	10-29-38
Ruth Hamm Robsion	l year and	
	l day	6-23-38

### THE FOLLOWING CRIMINAL RECORDS OF MEMBERS OF THE KARPIS-BARKER GANG AND THEIR ASSOCIATES ARE ATTACHED:

Harold Alderton Theodore Charles Angus Bert Angus Bruno Austin Arthur Barker Fred Barker Oliver Berg John Brock, alias John Brack Wynona Burdette, alias Wynona Walcott Harry Campbell Sam Coker Volney Davis Dolores Delaney Jess Doyle Myrtle Eaton Elmer Farmer Herbert Farmer, alias Herbert Black Charles J. Fitzgerald Russell Gibson Eugene Green, alias Eddie Green Charles Preston Harmon Paula Harmon, alias Polly Walker William J. Harrison Fred Hunter, alias Fred Henderson Alvin Karpis Milton Lett Cassius McDonald Joseph P. Moran Harry Clifton Stanley Mary Stanley Harry Sandovich, alias Harry Sawyer William Weaver, alias P. O. Donald James J. Wilson John Zetzar J. George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz Ruth Hamm Robsion Arthur W. Hebebrand

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	Arthur W. Hebe- brand,	4/1/29	manslaughter	5/7/29 nolle pros.
USM,Cleveland,Ohio	A. w. Hebebrand	5/25/37	harboring	6/30/37 plea of guilty-sent. 2 yrs. USP, fined \$1000.
USP, Leavenworth, Kan <b>s</b> as	Arthur Hebebrand	7/7/37	harboring fug.	2 yrs.
Fed. Hosp. for Def., Del., Springfield, Mo.	Arthur Hebebrand	3/26/38 in trans fr. USP, Leav., Kar		2 yrs. disch.6/29/39 max. exp.
PD, Miami Deach Fla.	Arthur William Hebebrand	12/26/39	Cr. Regis (vol.)	rel.
*	chg. manslaughter; As Arthur W. Hebet	tried; acc rand, Cleve ion of gam	eland, Ohio, PD, Jan oling est.; \$500. fi	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, St. Louis,	Ruth Hamm	5–18–38	harboring Federal fugitive (Alvin Karpis)	5-18-38, turned over to Agent of the FBI, U.S.Dept. of Justice; rel. from Fed. custody at St. Louis 5-20-38 upon furnishing \$10,000 bond.
USM, St. Louis, No.	Ruth Hamm Robsion	5-19-38	fugitive consp.	trans. to Little Rock, Ark.
USM, Little Rock, Ark.	Ruth Hamm Robsion	6-23-38	harboring (consp.)	P.G. 6-23-38 sent., 1 yr., l day
Fed.Ind. Inst. for Women, Alderson, W.Va.	Ruth Hamm Robsion	7-3-38	consp. to harbor fugitive from justice	l yr., 1 day
Bu.Field Div. New Orleans, La.	Mrs. Ruth Robsion, aliases: Connie Morris Mrs. Hammonds	5-1-36	not gi <b>v</b> en	
Bu.Field Div. St. Louis, Mo.,	Ruth Harm, aliases: Joan Barron, Joan Harmer, Connie Morris, Ruth Robinson, Ruth Robsion	inquiry 5-23-38		
	Additional aliases	: Mrs. Me	lvin Robsion; Mrs. H	arold King.

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in FBI files.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SPol., Jonesville, Mich.	Bert Angus		nk robbery spect	
St. Bu., East Lansing, Mich.,	Bert Angus	inquiry 11-27-31		
St. Bu., Indianapolis, Ind.	Bert Angus	11-27-31 bar	nk robbery	turned over to Noble County, Ind.
Bureau Office, Detroit, Mich.	Bert Angus	inquiry 8-14-36		
	This case is entered of the Bureau.			
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Toledo, Ohio	Theodore Charles Angus, alias Theodore Angus		fugitive, Chillicothe, Ohio	turned over to SO, Chillicoth Chio.
SP, Columbus, Ohio	Theodore Angus	12-8-19	grand larceny	indeterminate - 1 to 7 years.
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	Theodore Angus,		conspiracy and vio. N.P.A.	18 months - 3-27-30, trans. to Ft. Bragg, N.C
*	6-30-17, as Theo. An selling liquor witho costs - \$125.00 of t	ut license	ted, Toledo, Ohio, ch 7-2-17, fined \$200.	arge 00
*	4-8-18, as Theo. Ang grand larceny of aut	us, arrest	d Detroit, Mich. for t Chillicothe, Ohio,	
ж.			rrant issued for arreile intoxicated; paid	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Chicago, Ill.	Bruno Austin,	8-27-32	larceny - auto	held to Criminal Ct., under \$2,000 bond; 11-28-326 mos. H. of C., and \$1.00.
PD, Berwyn, Ill.	Bruno Austin,	4-16-34	assault with intent to kill	
USM, Chicago, Ill	. Eruno Putas,	3-23-35	Sec. 88-4089, Title 18,U.S. Code-kidnaping	
U.S.Marshal, St. Paul, Minn.	Eruno Putas,	4-3.2-35	conspiracy to kidnaping	held in Ramser Co. Jail in default of \$50,000 bond - 5-10-35, dismissed.
State Penitentiar Joliet, Ill.	y, Bruno Austin,	11-13-35	assault to rob	1-14-yrs 11-15-35, received from Cook Co., an additional mittimito run concurrent with the original chg., murder; sentence, life.
* As Bruno   * As Bruno   * As Bruno	Austin, PD Chicago, Putis, PD Chicago,	Ill., 9-28- Ill., 7-3-35 Ill., murde	933, auto theft; 6 m 34, robbery. , investigation. r and att. robbery;	os•
* As Bruno - sentence set for l	Austin, 10-11-35, t e, life imprisonmen 0-25-35. Indictmen	ried Chicago t. Motion f t for assaul	, Ill., Murder, convor new trial filed. t to rob set for tri chg. of murder deni	Hearing al 10-25-35.
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PD, Chicago, Ill.	Bruno Austin,	8-27-32	larceny - auto	held to Criminal Ct., under \$2,000 bond; 11-28-326 mos. H. of C., and \$1.00.
PD, Berwyn, Ill.	Bruno Austin,	4-16-34	assault with intent to kill	
USM, Chicago, Ill	. Bruno Putas,	3-23-35	Sec. 88-4089, Title 18,U.S. Code-kidnaping	
U.S.Marshal, St. Paul, Minn.	Eruno Putas,	4-1.2-35	conspiracy to kidnaping	held in Ramsey Co. Jail in default of \$50,000 bond - 5-10-35, dis- missed.
State Penitentiar Joliet, Ill.	y, Bruno Austin,	11-13-35	assault to rob	l-14-yrs 11-15-35, received from Cook Co., an additional mittimito run concurrent with the original chg., murder; sentence, life
* As Bruno * As Bruno * As Bruno indicted * As Bruno - senteno set for 1	Austin, PD Chicago, Putis, PD Chicago, I Austin, PD Chicago, I by Grand Jury July t Austin, 10-11-35, tr e, life imprisonment 0-25-35. Indictment Austin, motion for r	Ill., 9-28-11., 7-3-35 Ill., murde erm 1935. ied Chicago Motion for assaul	, investigation.	ricted Hearing al 10-25-35.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM, St. Paul, Minn.	Harold Alderton	1-22-35	conspiracy to transport a kid- napped person ir interstate commerce	
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Harold Allder- ton	6-14-35	conspiracy to transport a kid- napped person in interstate commerce	20 yrs.
*	Sheriff's Office	, Marion,	Indiana, 1923, alimor	ny and non-
4	support; to pay Sheriff's Office	, Bensonvi	lle, Ill., 1927, ali	mony and
€	non-support; to Sheriff's Office raid; released.	pay \$5.00 , Wheaton,	a week. Ill., January, 1927	, in gambling
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Arthur Barker,	7-4-18	larceny of U.S. property (auto)	escaped from Co. Jail, Tulsa, Okla escaped Joplin, No., ret'd to Sheriff of Tulsa County.
PD, Joplin, Mo.	Doc Barker,	2-19-20	Jail breaking	ret'd to Tulsa, Okla.
PD. Muskogee, Okla.	Claud Dale,	1-15-21	attempted bank burglary	to Wagoner Co.,Okla.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Bob Barker,	1-30-21	bank robbery - safekeeping (robbed bank at Lincoln.Co.)	discharged on Court order for trial 6-11-21
oP. McAlester, Okla.	Doc Barker	2-10-22	murder	life-paroled 9-10-32
U. S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minn.	Arthur R. Barker	1-18 <b>-5</b> 5	conspiracy to kidnap and trans- porting a kidnaped person in inter- state commerce	
USP, Leavenworth, Kansas	Arthur R. Barker,	5-25-35	conspiracy to transport kidnapped person in interstate commerce	life - 10-23-35 transferred to USP, Alcatraz Island.
USP, Alcatraz, Calif.	Arthur R. Barker	10-26-35 in trans- fer from USP, Leavenwort Kansas	kidnaped person	life

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PD, Miama, Okla.	Fred Barker, alias Gus Barker,	9-5-22	inv.	
PD. Tulsa, Okla.	Fred Barker,	10-5-22	vag.(state 30 charge)	days City Jail
S.Ref.,Granite, Okla.	Fred Barker,	6-28-23	conjoint robbery 5	years
PD. Okmulgee, Okla.	J. Darrows, alias Barker,	12-19-25	robbery 12-	. to Co.; 23-25, rel. Fed. Auth.
PD. Little Rock Ark.	Fred Barker, alias F. B. Lang.	not given (finger- printed 5-28-26)	justice to rel \$10 (bu	8-26- rel. Ft. Smith under OO bond rglary and bond rfeited)
PD, Ponca City, Okla.	F. G. Ward, alias Fred Barker,	7-25-26		. to Win- ld, Kans.
PD, Winfield Kansas	Fred Barker, alias Ted Purphy	Nov.1926 (day of month unknown)	larceny (2 counts)	.1927, sent 5 to 10 yrs. Sp on charge of burglary
SP. Lansing, Kansa	Fred Barker, alias Ted Purray	3-12-27		5 to 10 yrs rel. upon exp. of sent., 3-29-31
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Fred Barker,	6-10-31	car theft - fugitive	returned to SO, Claremore, Okla. 7-13-31, on chg. of burglary

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PD, Miama, Okla.	Fred Barker, alias	9-5-22	inv.	
PD. Tulsa, Okla.	Gus Barker, Fred Barker,	10-5-22	vag.(state 30	days City
rp. iursa, okta.	ried barker,	10-0-22		Jail
S.Ref.,Granite, Okla.	Fred Barker,	6-28-23	conjoint robbery 5	years
PD. Okmulgee, Okla.	J. Darrows, alias Barker,	12-19-25	robbery 12-	. to Co.; 23-25, rel. Fed. Auth.
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PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Fred Barker,	6-10 <b>-3</b> 1	car theft - fugitive	returned to SO, Claremore, Okla. 7-13-31, on chg. of burglary

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Okmulgee,	Fred Barker,	6-10-31	burglary	to Co; 6-12-3 warr. burglar rec. SO, Okmulgee, Okla 6-16-31, ret'a "found". Case filed 7-8-31; 10-5-31, bench
			bond furnish	warrant issued ed; 10-12-31, failed to appear and bond forfeited; 10-12-3, entry of cause pl. on retired docket and case unlikely to be called for trial
Bu. Office, St. Paul, Minn.	Fred Barker,	1-23-35 (died at Ocala, F1 1-16-35)	La.,	
*			ity, Mo., attemptir	
* * * *	PD, Miami, Okla.) ADMITS arrested To with car theft; ca ADMITS now on \$10, WANTED BY BURFAU: Federal Prisoner. WANTED: As Fred E 8-16-31, (burglary Tulsa, Okla. and S PD, Tulsa, Okla. a WANTED: As Fred E Mo., per inf. rec. Tulsa, Oklā. STILL 1932. STILL WANTED WANTED: As Fred B	alsa, Okla.  se is pendi 000 bond. ( As Fred Ba Notify Bu. Barker, esca and assaul 0, Claremor nd wire fro arker, for 1-2-32. A I WANTED: D: per inf arker, bond la. City fo	As on print #, F rker, suspect - con Off., Kansas City, ped from Co. Jail, t with intent to ki e, Okla., per inf. m Bu. Off., Okla. O murder. Notify PD lso notify Supt., B per "True Detective . rec. 5-12-32. forfeiture (burgla r Ft. Smith, Ark.,	asion charged  I, Miami, Okla.) spiracy to delive Mo. Claremore, Okla. 11.) Notify PD, rec. 8-24-31 from ity, Okla., 2-19- and SO, West Plai- ureau of Ident'n, Mysteries", April

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED		DISPOSITION
*	case. Notify I WANTED BY BUREA phy, J. Darrows A. S. Hunter, J Smith, Fred E. nection with Br rec. from Burea WANTED BY BUREA Darrows, T. B. O.O. St. Paul.	irector, police As Free F. E. Date of the Cordon, Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Fre	Barker, suspect in er inf. rec. 9-22-34 d Barker, aliases, F vis, J. E. Blackburn terson, Earl J. Hatted E. Anderson, temp case. Notify Directs 10-16-34. d Barker, aliases, G. Ward, Ted hurphy, inf. rec. 1-10-35, killed while resist.	G. Ward, Ted Mur. T. C. Blackburn, rson, J. Stanley want. in contor, per inf.  s Barker, J. Ted Murray, -
	This person was for January 193	published 3 issued b	as a fugitive in th y this Bureau.	e monthly bulletin
	This case was e Bureau.	entered in	the Single Fingerpri	nt files of the
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PD, Chicago, Ill	. Oliver Berg,	not give (finger- printed 6/10/26)	n suspect	
SO, Urbana, Ill.	Oliver A. Berg,	9/9/26	robbery with gun	held to G.J. under \$300,000 bond
SP, Menard, Ill.	Oliver A. Berg,	12-15-26	robbery, etc.	10 yrs. to life
SP, Joliet, Ill.	Oliver A. Berg,	7/28/27 in trans from SP, Menard, Ill.	robbery, etc.	10 yrs. to life 11/7/31, out on writ; dis. by Ct. order while on writ 3/4/32
* USM, St. Paul, Minn	(charge, robbery rec'd. therefrom Diappeared while Ill., per inform NO LONGER WANTED SP, Joliet, Ill. Corps. Ad. Prose Oliver A. Berg,	). Notify 5/17/33. on writ of ation rec! As Olive , 4/13/35, quendum. date of arrest not given (Ret. from SP, Jolian Ill. for trial 5/2	om et,	per inf.  , Joliet 11., 5/29/33 m escape 8/30/34 Hab.  5/17/35 life imprisonment to begin after sen. now being served at Joliet Pen.
*	As Otto Margo, 5 Law; U.S. Court,	/20/25, 6 i	nos. Woodstock Co. Ja	il, vio. Proh.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SRef., Granite, Ckla.	John Brack aliases, John Bro J. D. Adams, J. C Creighton		G. L.	3 years
SO, Hutchinson Kans.	John Brock,	7–13–22	inv.	
SO, Enid, Okla.	J. C. Creighton,	10-1-22	inv.	%6 mos\$500
*	inv.; 3-29-23 ple	ad not guil	d, Okla., 10-1-22, ch ty; 4-10-23 defendan 6 mos. Co. Jail and	t plead
SO, Pawnee, Okla.	J. D. Adams,	5-17-23	susp.	
PD, Tucson, Ariz.	John Brock,	1-19-30	vag.	20 days in City Jail
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	J. D. Adams	3_12_31	vag.	\$1 <b>9.</b> 00 & cost
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co., St. Louis, Mo.	J. D. Adams	inquiry 3-12-31		
PD, Sapulpa, Okla.	John Frank Brock alias, John Brock	6-27-31	2nd deg. burg. & asslt. with intent to kill	to Co bond set
SP, McAlester, Okla.	John Brock	10-18-31	asslt. int. kill	5 years

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
<b>S</b> O, Independen K <b>a</b> ns.	ce, John Brock,	(da;	/36 chg. not giv of not n)	en
USM, Cleveland Ohio	, Harold Johnso	n, 4/7	/36 Postal Laws	
*	(according to	inf. app.	kla., chg., 2nd deg. on prt. PD, Sapulpa,	burg. Okla.)
*	Notifited 5/1 SP, McAlester 9/24/29 disch	, Okla., 9	/20/23, larceny of au	to; 12 years;
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CONTRIBUTOR OF	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Cleveland Ohio.  PD, Atlantic  SO, Miami, Fl	City, Wynona Burdetto	e, 1/20/35	investigation investigation and material witness harboring Federal criminal	DISPOSITION  turned over to Gov't Auth.
				knowledge that

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
				State of Ninn.) Sent. 2 yrs.  Total sentence, 5 yrs in institution to be designate by U.S.Atty.Gen Detention Home Nilan, Mich. set as place of confinement.
Fed. Det. Home Milan, Nich.	e, Wynona Burdett	e, 3/29/3	5 harboring fugiti	ve 5 yrs.
*	Tulsa, Okla.,	1932, harbo	ring; discharged.	
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May 6, 1936.

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Harry Campbell	12-25-2	) investigation	%19 & costs
SPen., McAlester, Okla.	Harry Campbell	1-30-21	bank robbery (held for safekeeping)	discharged on Court orderfor trial,6-11-21
SO, Tulsa, Okla.	Harry Campbell	4-29-32	burgla <b>ry</b>	released on bond
*	Admits having Pol PD, Tulsa, Okla.)		in Tulsa, Okla.(Appe	aring on print,
*	WANTED: As Harry per inf. rec. 11-	Campbell,	for robbery. Notify the November 1932 is:	PD, Joplin, Mo. ue of National
*	prisoner. Notify PD, Kansas City,	SO, Hutch Mo. Bulle	(probably identical) inson, Kansas, per in tin of 12-1-32. Als	if. rec. from on the notify SO,
*	WANTED: As Harry	Campbell,	rec. therefrom, 12-1 for robbery with fir llwater, Okla., per	earms (possibly
*	WANTED: As Harry SO. Hutchinson, K	Campbell,	highway robbery, 11-inf. rec. 2-19-34.	10-32. Notify
*	WANTED: As Harry Mo., per inf. rec	Campbell, . 10-29-34	for robbery. Notify	SO, Joplin,
			s a fugitive in the r , and September 1939	

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	CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	SP, McAlester, Okla.	Sam Coker,	3/17/24	bank robb.	30 yrs paroled 1/11/31 escaped 2/24/31 notified 5/18/31
	PD, St. Joseph, Mo.	Ralph Pool,	5/9/31	investigation	
	PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Ralph Nelson,	6/10/31	investigation - fugitive (escape from SPen., McAlester, Okla.)	
	PD, Okmulgee, Ok	la. Ralph Nelson,	6/10/31	burg.	to County
	*	Okla. burglary	6/16/31, : McAlester :	rant received by SO, ret'd. "found" senter SP.: transferred ther	ce (date not
	SP, McAlester, Okla.	Sam Coker	returned 6/19/31	parole violation (parole revoked 2/13/31)	,
	*	As Ralph Poole, chg. of N.M.V.T.	PD, St. Jos A., per in	seph, Mo., 6/11/32, c f. rec. 7/2/32.	ism. on
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May 7, 1936

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J. E. Hoover
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Tulsa, Okla	. Volney Davis,	2-5-19	G. L.	turned over to Tulsa Co.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Volney Davis,	9–28–19	G. L.	3 yrs. and 1 yr. con-currently
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Volney Davis,	2-3-23	murder	life-escaped 1-8-25, app.
PD, Kansas City Mo.	, Roy Green,	1-21-25	inv.	1-23-25, ret. to SP, McAles- ter, Okla.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Volney Davis,	1-25-25 ret'd as escape	murder	life-granted leave of ab- sence 11-3-32 to 7-1-33 ex- tended 6-30-33 to 7-1-34
PD, St. Paul, Minn.	Volney Davis	6-1-35	kidnaping	
USM, St. Paul, Minn.	Volney Davis	6-3-35	consp. to kidnar and transport a kidnapped person interstate comme	imprisonment in USP, Leaven-
USP, Leavenwort Kansas	h, Volney Davis,	6-14-35	consp. to transport kidnapped poson in interstate	er-trans. to USP
USP, Alcatraz, Calif.	Volney Davis,	10-26-35 in trans USP, Iea- venworth, Kansas	consp. to transpo	

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, St. Paul, Minn.	Dolores DeLaney	1-20-35	harboring - Gov't witness, kidnaping case	5 years, Mil Mich.
SO, Miami, Fla.	Dolores Delaney	2-17-35	harboring Federal criminal	sent. 3-25-3 Federal cour Miami, Fla., 5 yrs.
Federal Detenti Farm, Milan, Mi	on Delores Delaney	3-29-35	harboring fugitive	5 yrs.
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED C RECEIVED	R CHARGE	DISPOSITION
State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.	Jess Doyle, 4-	-21-21 1	7-28-	s., 4 mos.; 26-rel. short term
State Penitentiary Lansing, Kansas	Jess Doyle, 3-	d	egree and grand upon	yrs.; rel. exp. of nce 6-17-32
SO, Girard, Kansas	Jesse Doyle, 2-	1	remer kidnapping uspect	
U. S. Harshal, St. Paul, Finn.	Jess Doyle, 2-	k p p	idnap and trans- Co. Jort a kidnaped Paul, erson in inter- of 1 tate commerce 5-6-3 dism.	in Ramsey ail, St. in default 5,000 bond; 5, case Ordered ed to E. Okla.
State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebr.	Jess Doyle, 8-	0	ntimidating 10 yr fficers and bank obbery	S •
	Arrested at Girar Arrested at Tulsa		and Parsons, Kansas, 1	920.
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J. E. Hoover
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED RECEIVE	OR CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Minneapolis, Minn.	Ruth Martin	2-27-30	grand larceny- simple larceny	\$100 fine 3-10-30 on charge of petty larceny
PD, St. Paul Minn.	Sue Bond	12-9-30	shoplifting	dismissed by County Attor- ney, 12-13-30
PD, Des Moines, Iowa	Mrs. Alice Martin	12-29-31	investigation (with booze ring)	released
SO, St. Paul, Minn.	Myrtle Eaton	9-1-35	kidnapping	
USM, St. Paul, Minn.	Myrtle Eaton	9-3-35	kidnapping	held in Ramsey County Jail in default of (15,000 bond
, Jacksonville, Fla.	Myrtle Eaton	3-9-36	concealing a fugitive - U.S.A.	
USM, Jacksonville, Fla.	Myrtle Eaton	3-14-36	concealing and conspiracy to conceal a fugitive	Temp. Mitt. Bond \$50,000
* * *	Des Moines, Iowa, i St. Paul, Minn., ir Minneapolis, Minn.,	nvestigation	n; released.	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	As Elmer Farmer, Chic Pen.	ago, Ill.,	2-9-18, burglary; Jo	pliet
SP, Joliet, Ill.	Elmer Farmer, 2	-28-18 bi	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	to 20 yrs. Paroled 3-22-3 discharged while on parole 3-11-22.
PD, Chicago, Ill.	Elmer Farmer 7	23 <b>–2</b> 6 g	eneral principles	
USM, St. Paul, Minn.	Elmer Farmer 1	t:	ransport a kidnap- ( d person in inter- F tate commerce f	
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Elmer Farmer 6	po ii	onspiracy to trans- 2 ort kidnapped person n interstate com- erce	O yrs.
* *	As Elmer Farmer, Chic As Elmer Farmer, Chic As Elmer Farmer, Chic	ago, Ill.,	3-14-16, burglary; r	o bill
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March 12, 1936

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<u> </u>	CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Herbert Black,	2-25-14	assault	90 days, \$100.00 fine
	SRef., Granite, Okla.	Herb Farmer	10-27-17 in trans. from Mc- Alester, Okla.	assault & attempt	5 yrs. 6-15-19 rel. exp. short term
	PD, Memphis, Tenn.	H. A. Patton, aliases, F. D. McDonald, F. D. Miller	9-11-19	larceny of auto	del. to SO, Holly Springs, Miss.; indict- ed August, 1919 in C.C. on plea of theft of auto and G.L.; fined \$125 and costs
. —	PD, Wichita, Kans.	W. H. Williams, alias, J.W. Hender son	12-22-20	vag con	*fined \$100 and 6 mos.
	PD, Colorado Springs, Colo.	W. H. Baker,	8-10-21	invest bunk	\$200 & costs; susp. and given hrs.
	PD, St. Joseph,	Herbert Allen Farmer	11-16-21	invest con	rel.
	PD, Salt Lake City, Utah	H. A. Farmer	7-7-22	larceny from person	7-13-22 entered plea of guilty and fined \$10.00.
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ີ່ງ, San Francisco, Lalifornia	H. A. Farmer	3-10-23	vag.	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Harry J. Garner	2-12-24	con man	fined \$100.
PD, San Antonio, Texas	Harry Allen Parmer, alias H. A. Parmer	1-26-25	invest P.P.	*rel.
PD, Colorado Springs, Colo.	William Hilary Baker, aliases, Herb Farmer, H. A. Patton, W. H. Wil- liams, J. W. Hender son, Herbert Black, H. A. Parmer, W. H. Baker		con man - fug.	rel.
PD, Joplin, Mo.	H. A. Farmer, alias, Herb Farmer	7-8-33	invest.	
USM, Kansas City, Mo.	Herb Farmer, alias, H. A. Farmer	7-8-33	conspiracy to obstruct justice	committed to Jackson Co. Jail, Kansas City, Mo., in default of \$25,000 bond to await tria
USM, Kansas City, Mo.	Herbert A. Farmer, aliases, Harry A. Garner, Harry A. Snyder, Herbert Black, "Dunmy", "Deafy"	7–9–33	obstruction of justice	
USP, Leavenworth, Kansas	Herbert Allen Farmer, aliases, Herbert Black, H. A. Datton, W. H. Williams, H. A. Farmer	1-5-35	conspiracy	2 yrs.

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*	alias Snyder, alia desired by Kansas from. Notify Bu. immediately if app	s Herbert B Gity Bu. Of Off., Kansa rehended. N f being con	, alias, Harry A. Gallack, alias "Deafy". f., per inf. rec. 6-2 s City, Mo. Also ad otify 7-14-33. nected with endeavor	Location 29-33 there- Vise Chief
*	with Div. case ent consp. to deliver City, Mo., and fug Div. memo. 10-13-	itled Verno Fed. Prison superviso 34.	rt Allen Farmer, in n C. Miller, decease er. Notify Division r, Div., Washington,	d, et al., Off., Kansas D. C., per
*		del. Fed. P	. Fed. Ct., Kansas Crisoner; sent. 2 yrs	
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April 17, 1936

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	Chas. J. Fitzgerald	7–20–16	bank burglar and robber	disch.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Charles J. Fitzgerald	4-24-17	inv. (G.L., auto thief, safe blower, bank burg.)	6-22-17, disch. (case squared)
PD, Memphis, Tenn.	Danial Mathias Logan	12-7-18	susp. safe blower	\$50.00 forf.
PD, Detroit, Mich.	Chas. Jordan	1-30-19	fug. safe blowing	*case dism. 2-17-19
PD, Toledo, Ohio	Charles Joseph Fitzgerald	4-22-19	fug wanted Ellsworth, Kans. for safe blowing	
SP, Lansing, Kans.	Charles J. Fitzgerald	10-26-19	burg. 2nd deg.	5 to 10 yrs. rel. upon exp. of sentence, 12-31-23
* * * * * * * * *	identified as leader some very good hauled Lincoln, Nebr. As Slim Williams, so As Fitzgerald, member and bank burglars, and southwestern particles are particles.	r of gang s in this erved a te er of the who have o rt of the revious to , arr. Kan	1898 in the St. Ref. sas City, Mo., by R.E	who have made ed wire SO, sa, Iowa. ang" of safe in the central . Hutchinson,

As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, rec. St. Ref., Hutchinson, Kans., with a sent. for G.L., from Atchinson County. 1898, att. to escape. Rec. SP, Lansing, Kans., 9-10-99, with sent. of 2 yrs. for escaping from Ref., sent. from Reno Co.; disch. June, 1901. Arr. Sedalia, Mo., 4-9-05, susp. character; rel. after being photographed. As J. C. Adams, Dallas, Texas, April, 1909, chg. safe burglary; 5-1-09, released. After release it was discovered that he was one of gang who blew safe and vault at Buffalo, Texas; 5-13-09, also blew safe at Frankston, Texas. As W. M. Funk, arr. Claremore, Okla., by P.O. Inspector, 6-24-10 chg. burg. of P. O. at Pryor, Okla., 6-17-10. Evidence not sufficient to hold him for action of G. J. Turned over to St. Auth. of Anderson Co., Texas, for the robbery of the bank at Frankston, Texas, May 13, 1909. Finally acquitted. As C. J. Fitzgerald, arr. Little Rock, Ark., 2-23-10, G. L. 4-23-14, arr. at Chattanooga, Tenn., susp. of safe blowing. Arr. Chattanooga, Tenn., 4-23-14, and sent. 1 yr. and 1 day to USP, Atlanta, Ga., 5-19-14, for the unlawful transportation of explosives between Cincinnati, Ohio and Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 22nd and 23rd of April, 1914. As Chas. Fitzgerald, rec. USP, Atlanta, Ga., 6-2-14. As Charles Fitzgerald, arr. Chicago, Ill., 4-5-16, dis. cond.; fined \$100 and costs. Subject shown in First Volume of "Records of Persons" charged with violation of the Postal Laws. (Rec. from Kansas City letter 12-22-18). Forfeited bond 5-1.6-17. (Inf. rec. from W. J. Burns International Det. Agency, N.Y.C.). Wanted for holdup of Farmers and Merch. Bank, Wymore, Nebr., 5-26-28. (inf. rec. from W.J. Burns International Det. Agency, N.Y.C.). Wanted for holdup of Whitney Loan Co., Atlantic, Iowa, 10-26-28, (inf. rec. from W.J. Burns International Detective Agency, N.Y.C. WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, for bank robbery, Esthersville, Iowa, 8-30-29. If Apprehended, notify SO, Estherville, Iowa and St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa, per inf. rec. 11-7-29, 11-12-29, 12-26-30. STILL WANTED - per inf. rec. National Police Officer, April issue, 4-12-32. Still Wanted, per inf. rec. Iowa Sheriff, Feb., 1933. STILL WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, (Prob. Ident.) by SO, Estherville, Iowa and Bu. of Invest., Des Moines, Iowa, for bank robbery, per inf. rec. Amer. Bankers Association, N.Y.C., 10-4-34 Bulletin for October, 1934.

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This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletin for December, 1934, issued by this Bureau.

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May 7, 1936

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Russell Gibson	12-7-19	inv susp. holdup;	disch.
SP, Jefferson City	,Russell Gibson	12-19-27	flourishing deadly weapon	2 yrs. Disch. 12-19-28 upon exp. of sent. being allowed merit time.
PD, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Russell Gibson,	6-15-29	inv bank payroll robbery	rel. to SO, Oklahoma City, Okla., escaped from Oklahoma Co. jail, 8-20-29.
* * * * *	PD, Kansas City, Mo USM, Oklahoma City, Gibson with transpo Oklahoma City, Okla WANTED: As Russell Bank messenger, Okloklahoma City, Okla Also notify SO, Okla Bankers Association Milwaukee, Wis., (p STILL WANTED: As Reper inf. rec. Ameri 7-5-34, Bull. for JAs Russell Gibson, resisting arrest.	., 2-8-33, Okla., holdering stole ., on or all Gibson, re ahoma City ., per inf ahoma City Journal, loss. ident ussell Gib can Banker uly, 7-17- killed at	bbbery of American Fi Okla., 5-24-29. No rec. therefrom 3-15 Okla. (Inf. rec. A May 1932). Also Noti ), per inf. rec. 9-13 son, by SO, Oklahoma s Association, New Yo 34 (poss. ident.). Chicago, Ill., 1-9-35 a fugitive in the more	liquor. Russell ph, Mo. to  rst National tify PD, 32. merican fy PD, 3-32. City, Okla., ork City, 6, while

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August 8, 1935

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NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Eugene Green	8-11-16	G. L.	6 months, H. of C. 8-29-16
Geo Graham, aliases Chas. Ryan, Gec. Green,	7-7-21	invest.	
Fred Rogge,	9-30-21	susp - auto theft	
Frederick Riley alias Fredrick Riley,	8-8-22 actually arrested on 8-12-22	invest. (susp- auto thief and safe blower)	rel. 8-12-22, to SO, St. Paul, Minn., to be returned for auto theft to St. Paul; also reported wanted in St. Paul, Minn., for safe blowing and robbing.
Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Riley Fred Rogge, Fred Graham,	11-15-22	robbery, first degree	40 years and 5 years; releas ed on transfer to hinn. SP - transfer made on account of previous record
Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Eugene Riley, Eugene Rogge, E. Green,	7-26-23 in trans. from SRef. St. Cloud, Minn.	robbery, first degree	indeterminate paroled 7-1-30
	Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Eddie Green, Eugene Green, Eugene Riley, Eugene	Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham,  Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham,  Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Eugene Green, Eugene Green, Eugene Riley, Eugene Riley, Eugene St. Cloud,	Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, P-20  Eddie Green, aliases Eugene Green, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Riley Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Riley Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Riley Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Rogge, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, Fred Rogge, Fred

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR TRECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Bu. Off., St. Paul, Minn.,	Edward Green, aliases Eddie Green, Harry Green,	4/3/34	att. murder of a special agent of the Fed. Bu. of Invest., Dept. of Justice	
*	to 90 days, City Arr. St. Paul, M DEAD. (per curr	Workhouse inn., 7/17, ent new dia	(22, robbery; release spatches, 4/12/34)	d.
	on print, Bu. Of Color, white; se specialty, highw	f., St. Par x, male; na ay robbery	ption of this indivi 1, Minn.: tionality, American; age, about 30 - 35; hes; weight, about 16	criminal height, about
	medium; complexi Scars and marks:	on, florid tattoo, er forearm	eyes, blue; hair, deft outer forearm, to tattoo pictures of '	ark chestnut. attoo of a
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Washington, D. C.

June 30, 1936

The following is the record of FBI number

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OF RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD. Houston, Texas.	Chas. Preston 4 Harmon, alias C.P. Harmon,	l .	obbery by fire- rms	
SP, Huntsville, Texas	C. P. Harmon 10	-31-21 ı	robbery by assault 5 y	rs.
Pol	rested Rock Island, I ice, charge fugitive at Office at Underwood	, breaking	-26 by American Express and entering express 2020-26.	s Agents and office and
SO, Rock Island, C.	P. Harmon	j	pt ***	ken to Daven- rt, Iowa. Taived extradition and returned to Council Bluffs, Towa.
SO, Council Bluffs,	Chas. P. Harmon 2 aliases, Tom Brown, C. P. Harmon Tom Burns,	<b>-</b> 25 <b>-</b> 26	entering Post Office (Federal)	urmed over to fed. Auth. Ind held to frand Jury for ost Office robbery at Inderwood,
PD, Dallas, Texas	Curtis Preston 8- Harmon, aliases, Charles Preston Harmon, C. P. Harmon,	(	pobbery by firearms (2 cases), burglary (3 cases), felonious heft (1 case)	
PD, Chicago, Ill.	Thomas Raney, alias	9-6-2 <b>8</b> {		9-7-28, turned over to: USN.
USP, Leavenworth, Kansas	Charles P. Harmon, alias Charles Preston Harmon,	•	reaking and entering Post office-larceny	3 yrs.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
State Bureau St. Paul, Minn.,	Unknown dead man, The Morgue, Menominee, Wis.		t t State bery e, 20-31.	
*	WANTED: By Post of 7-22-27, Bureau Of Bureau Office, Ome The following is appearing on print Age 35 to 38 yrs.; complexion, medium black; eyes, viole with U.S.N. on for stars above and rea pig on left fore abdomen. One upper Other prints shows	as City, No office Dept ffice, Omah aha, Nebr. the descrip t, St. Bu., weight 14 dark; hei at blue. In rearm outer se below of arm outer. ar right to	tion of the above su St. Paul, Minn.: 5 to 150 pounds; builght 5 ft, 4 inches; larks and scars: Tat-  - American eagle with left forearm inner Several operation soth gold filled.	(see report nended notify bject as ld, medium hair, chestnut-too - anchor th three small - Negro riding scars on

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in F. B. I. files.

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Washington, D. C.

March 12, 1936

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Houston, Texa	as Polly Walker, al Polly Brannan,	ias 3-4-24	investloitering	case dism. 3-14-24
SO, Council Bluff Iowa	fs, Mrs. C. P. Harmon alias Mrs. Tom Brown	n, 2-25-26	accomB. and E. Post Office	released by Federal and State
Bu. Off.,Chicago, Illinois.	Mrs. C. P. Harmon, alias Mrs. Tom Brown, arr. by American Express Agents and Polic at Rock Island,	e	fug., B. and E. American Rwy. Express Office and U.S. Post Office	ret'd to Daver port, Iowa waiving extradition. Ret'd. to Council Bluffs by Sheriff, Pott. County. Turner over to Fed. Auth. for rob. bery of Underwood, Iowa, Post Office 2-20-26. Released by Federal and State.
PD, New Orleans, La.	Marie Mayer, ali Marie Raney,	as 5–30–28	not given	
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	Ethel Matterson, alias Ethel Davi		investigation	
		emer Kidnar phone 9-7-	P. Harmon, alias Poing Case. Notify Bud 34. This case is entof this Bureau.	. Off., Chicago,

May 7, 1936

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Calumet City,	William Harrison,	4-14-33	carrying concealed weapons	dismissed.
PD, Hammond, Ind.	William J. Harrison	11-14-33	A. and B. with intent to rape	rel. to B. of I., Crown Point, Ind.
B. of I., Crown Point, Ind.	William J. Harrison	11-16-33	A. and B. with intent to rape	W.T.C.C. bond, \$5000. dismissed 9-25-34
*	William Harrison,	found dead	1-6-35, at Ontariov	ille, Ill.

April 28, 1936

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION	
PD, Toledo, Ohio	Fred John Henderson	6-3-20	suspicion - carrying concealed weapons	6-22-20, fined \$200 and costs sent to County Jail	
PD, Akron, Ohio.	Fred Hunter,	10-28-22	fugitive for Warren, Ohio		
SP, Columbus, Ohio	Fred Huntar,	4-17-23	larceny and possession of dynamite	indeterminate sentence. (3 to 27 years)	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SIR, Hutchinson, Kans.	Alvin Karpis,	2-25-26	burglary 2nd deg.	ed 3-9-29;re- turned 3-25-30
PD, Kansas City,	Raymond Hadley	3-23-30	larceny of auto and safe blower	released to SIR, Hutchin- son, Kans. as an escape; no pros. Kansas City, Mo.
SIR, Hutchinson, Kans.	Alvin Karpis,	returned 3-25-30	escaped convict	trans. to SP, Lansing, Kans. 5-19-30.
SP, Lansing, Kans.	Alvin Karpis,	5-19-30 in trans. from SIR, Hutchin- son, Kans.	burglary 2nd deg.	5 to 10 yrs.; 5-2-31, releas ed-full term.
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	George Haller,	6-10-31	investigation - burglary	
PD, Okmulgee, Okl	a. Alvin Karpis,	6-10-31	burglary	to County
* * *	riding; tried 11-2-2	nces in Flo rested PD, 25, pleaded		and costs -
*	As Alvin Karpis, but		ant received by 50, -31. Case filed 7-8	
`*	Alvin Karpis, sente	nced Superi f., Granite	or Court, Henryetta, , Okla. Paroled fro	Okla., 9-17-31
*	WANTED: As Alvin Ka	arpis for m	urder 12-19-31. Not . 1-2-32. Also noti	

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Mo., per inf. ro STILL WANTED: F	ec. "True ler inf. re	: As above. Notify Detective Mysteries", c. 5-12-32. STILL WA	April, 1932. NTED: As Alvin
			y SO, West Plains, Mo n, Clayton, Mo., 11-1	
*	WANTED: As Alvi Minn., 6-9-33. St. Paul, Minn.,	Notify SO,	poss. ident) robbery Pipestone, Minn., ar rec. State Bureau, St	d State Bureau,
*			charge not given. No sas Peace Officer", A	
			as a fugitive in the ber, 1934, issued by	
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Wichita, Kans.	Wilton Lett,	11/2/30	vagrancy	
PD. Coffeyville, Kans.	J. M. Lett,	2/10/31	investigation	released 2/12/31
PD, Coffeyville, Kans.	J. M. Letz,	9/3/32	investigation	
PD, Akron, Ohio	Thomas J. Shaw,	10/19/35	suspicion	
PD, Coffeyville, Kans.	Milton Lett,	11/6/35	robbery, 1st. deg.	
*	PD, Coffeyville,	Kans., inv	.; 11/6/35, rel. by	Chief.
SO, Yates Center, Kans.	J. M. Lett,	11/7/35	(holdup) inv.	released
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM, Miami, Fla.	Cassius PcDonald	2/8/35	harboring fugitive	In Dade Co. Jail default of \$25,000 bond
*	Palm Beach, Fla., \$15,000 bond, turne bond.	2/8/35 d over to 1	harboring a criminal Miami, Fla., rel. on	
SO Miami, Fla.	C. N. Donald	2-8-35	conspiracy	
PD Detroit, Mich.	Cassius LcDonald	9 <b>–26–35</b>	Section 18 U.S. C. Section 408-A, conspiracy to kid-nap	•
USM Detroit, Nich	. Cassius McDonald,	9-26-35	18-U.S.C., Section 408-A	
P.D. St. Paul, Mi	nn. Cassius NCDonald	,9-27-35	general investigati	on
USM St. Paul, hir	n. Cassius McDonald	,9-27-35	conspiracy to violate Section 408 (a Title 18 U.S.C.	held in Ramse a) Jail in de- fault \$25,000 bond
SO St. Paul, Min	. Cassius M. M. McDonald	9-27-35	conspiracy and kidnapping	bond
Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Micl	1	10-8-35	Lindbergh Law (conspiracy)	
USP Leavenworth, Kansas	Cassius PcDonald,	2-7-36	Kidnapping Act - conspiracy	15 years
*	Havana, Cuba 1/3	/35, inves	tigation; released.	

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SP, Joliet, Il	l. Joseph B. Doran	11-17-28	3 abortion	1 to 10 yrs.; paroled 4-7- 30; ret. from parole 1-23- 31; paroled 12-15-31.
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Pittsburg, Kansas.	Harry Clinton Stanley	2-7-35	_	turned over to U. S. Gov't.
SO, Wichita, Kansas	Harry C, Stanley	3-10-35	harboring a <b>c</b> riminal	
*	As Harry C. Stanle Sedwich County Jai	y, harborin l, <sup>W</sup> ichita	ng fugitives; 3-12-35 Kansas, and fined	, 6 mos. 1000.
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Pittsburg, Kansas	Sybil Mary Stanley	2/7-35	harboring criminals	turned over J.S. Governmen
SO, Wichita, Kansas	Mrs. Lary Stanley	3/10/35	harboring a criminal	
*	As Nary Stanley, has sentence suspended		eral fugitive; 3-12-	<b>3</b> 5,
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Minneapolis, Minn.	Harry Sandovich,	9/11/18	attempted grand larceny	10/19/18, finec \$100.
PD, Omaha, Nebr.	Harry J. Porche,	1/2/20	investigation - robbery	Held to Dist. Court under 10,000 bond.
*	justice - turned ov	er to Linc	bond, charge, fugita oln, Nebr., where he feited 1000 bond at	is wanted
PD, Lincoln, Nebr.	Harry Sandlovich,	5/16/20	jumping bonds - auto theft	
Federal Jail, New Orleans, La.	Harry Sawyer,	5/4/35	conspiracy to kidnap	removal order to Southern Dist. of Minn. signed 5/6/35.
USM, St. Paul,	Harry Sawyer	5/9/35	conspiracy to kidnap and trans- porting a kidnaped person in inter- state commerce	held in Ramsey Co.Jail await-ing trial in default of \$\phi 50,000 bond.
PD, St. Paul, Minn.	Harry Sawyer,	5/9/35	investigation kidnaping	
*	USM, St. Paul, Minn balance of his natu		, USP, Leavenworth, i	or
USP, Leavenworth, Kansas	Harry Sawyer,	2/7/36	Kidnaping Act - conspiracy	life

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	Nebr., 4/25/15; p	lead guilty	ned in the Dist. Cou to burglary with ex Standard Oil Co., a ich for 3 yrs 9/27	plosives by t Lincoln,
*	Fall of 1917 and	hcoln, Neb	1918, stealing and di	sposing of arrested at
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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

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CONTR	IBUTOR OF ERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD,	Joplin, Mo	P.O. Donald	7-20-18	vag•	
Fra	Louis-San ncisco Ry.Co. ulpa, Okla.	Phoenix O'Donald	, 5–26–22	susp auto theft	rel. by Sherif w/o pros.
SO, Kan	Garden City	R. A. Nelson	7–26–22	att. to assist jail delivery	in
SP, Okl	AcAlester,	Phoenix Donald	4-7-25	murder	life - paroled 6-20-31 - parole revoked 8-15-32 not. 9-4-35
PD, Liin	St. Paul,	William Woaver,	8-2-32	C.C.W.	8-6-32, \$500 bail forfeited in Police Crt. attachment issued.
SO,	St. Paul,	William Weaver,	9 <b>–</b> 3– <b>3</b> 5	kidnapping	
USM Min	i, St. Paul,	William Woaver,	9-3-35	conspiracy to kidnapping	held in Ramse; Co. Jail in d fault of \$100,000 bond 1-24-36, USP; Leavenworth for balance of natural life.
USP Kan	, Leavenworth	, Phoenix Donald,	2-7-36	Kidnapping Act conspiracy	- life

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM, St. Paul, Minn.	James J. Wilson,	1-22-35	consp. to transport a kidnaped person in interstate com- merce.	held in Ramsey Co. Jail, St.Pau in default o 55000 bond 6-7-35. 5 yrs. USIR, Chillicothe,
USIR, Chillicothe Ohio	, James J. Wilson,	6-20-35	kidnaping (con- spiracy to trans- port)	5 yrs.
U.S. Northeastern Pen., Lewisburg, Pa.	James J. wilson,	8-11-35 (in tran fer from U.S.I.R.	s- interstate com- merce	5 yrs.
*	James Wilson, Chic dismissed.	ago Police	Department, 1932, in	vestigation;

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CONT	FRIBUTOR OF GERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
•	Detroit, nigan	John Zetzer,	5-12-26	robbery	discharged
PD,	Toledo, Ohio	John Zetzer,	11-3-31	V.N.P.A.	
Ohio R <b>ey</b> a Mour	llicothe, o al Canadian nted Pol. awa, Ontario,	as John Zetzer, 4- to serve a term of	10-32, sen 2 yrs., p olice, Ott	vio. N.P.L., held to t, to USIR., Chillica er inf. rec. from Roj awa, Canada, 10-21-3 N.P.A. illegal poss. of gold, Sec. 424 (c), C.C.C.	othe, Ohio yal 5. (2) 2 yrs 7-14-33, Discharged. in custody *12-5-35 failed to ap- pear in Coch- rane on this Charge. His bail was en- treated and a bench warrant
			·		can be had at any time.
*		7-11-22, Youngston costs, in Municipal		eckless driving; fin John Zetzer.	ed \$15.00 and
<del>-}}-</del>			wn, Ohio, r	eckless driving; fin	ed \$10.00 and
*		6-6-24, Youngstow Theft Act - Dyer	n, Ohio, fu Act) — (at	g. from justice (vic Detroit, Mich.)., 5- gan., as John Zetzer.	. Motor Veh. 29-24, taken to
* *		PD., Youngstown,	Dhio, 1926	bought stolen car; gstown, Ohio, 1927—3	
*		paid fine \$5.00 a	nd costs or	ne time and dism. the s, suspicion, dismiss	others.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one J. George Zeigler, (deceased), on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Subject as J. George Zeigler, inquiry made by Police Department, Cicero, Illinois, March 23, 1934, the following information appearing on this print:
"As George Zeigler, shot and killed at Cicero, Illinois, on March 20, 1934".